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Backing for homeless plan as more counted rough sleeping

By Owen Hughes

ROUGH sleeping in Oxford is at an all time high as the city council receives cross party support for the adoption of a new three-year strategy to reduce homelessness.

A head count of 61 people rough sleeping in the city centre last year is almost double that recorded in 2016 when 33 were counted.

At a meeting on Monday the council voted in favour of adopting the Housing and Homeless Strategy 2018-21 recommended after six weeks of public consultation.

Plans include delivering affordable housing, bringing empty homes back into use, and partnering with volunteer and support groups.

Councillor Mike Rowley, board member for housing, said: "The latest street count figures show the devastating impact of the housing crisis and the government's austerity measures on the streets of our city.

"We want to ensure that nobody has to sleep rough on the streets of Oxford."

He added that the council's support for the strategy shows that they are "determined to tackle homelessness in Oxfordshire".

But Conor McKenzie, Liberal Democrat candidate for Carfax, said Labour on Oxford City Council "is all talk and no action" and their strategy is "little more than aspiration backed up by very few actual commitments".

The government Rough Sleeping Statistics England Autumn 2017 show a 15 per cent increase nationally and a 24 per cent increase in the South East but an 85 per cent in Oxford on the previous year.

Mr McKenzie said: "The city council have a lot to answer for.

"They have consistently tried to shift the blame on this matter, but what we can see is Oxford is far far worse than the national and regional averages."

On the adopted strategy, Mr McKenzie said, "No second night out is a good model but it so t backed up by nearly enough resources and neither the city council's budget or even the strategy commits to them.

"We have seen next to no advances in affordable house-building over the past five years here in Oxford, and going forward the Oxpens and Barton sites haven t actually come with clear commitments to nearly enough affordable homes."

He added the Liberal Democrats are pushing for more funding for homeless support, would scrap "Labour's punitive measures such as fines and removing sleeping bags", and build more affordable housing.

Oxford City Council was the first in the county to be awarded a Gold Standard by a national homelessness prevention service in August last year.

Making maths fun!

PUPILS in Oxford were busy crunching numbers and solving equations as they took part in a mathematics week.

The youngsters at Rye St Anthony took part in the annual event celebrating the importance of maths in everyday life.

The whole school came together in a special assembly for a 'brain blaster' puzzle challenge day.

Activities also included a lesson where Year 10 pupils stepped up to teach the younger ones the basics of maths and shared their knowledge and experience.

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18 men found not guilty over sex offence charges

By George Welch

ELEVEN men charged with a catalogue of sex offences against teenage girls have been found not guilty after their cases were dropped.

A total of 18 men were arrested in police raids in Oxford and Banbury in March and April last year as part of Operation Nautical, an inquiry into child sexual exploitation.

After being charged with a number of sexual offences seven men were acquitted last month.

This week police confirmed investigations into the other 11 men had halted after the Crown Prosecution Service dropped its cases.

The CPS said there was insufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction while TVP stressed the dismissal of the case was not the result of a failure to disclose evidence.

Senior investigating officer, Detective Chief Inspector Mick Saunders, said: "Prosecutions are quite properly kept under review and Thames Valley Police accepts the decision of the CPS not to proceed with the second linked trial and to offer no evidence in respect of the defendants in that case.

"We will review the investigation, as we would in all such cases to identify whether there is any learning for future investigations of child sexual exploitation."

Shabir Dogar 23, of Bertie Place, Oxford, Shabaz Khan, 24, of Cosin Close Oxford, Joseph Surama 23 of Marlborough Close, Oxford, Shohab Dogar 23 of Tawney Street, Oxford, Yasin Hamid, 20 of Moorbank, Oxford, Usman Idris 23 of Northway, Headington and Ajay Kumar Lal, 22 of Cleveland Drive Oxford were all found not guilty in December following a trial at Oxford Crown Court.

The remaining 11 men were due to face trial at the same court before the CPS dropped its cases.

This meant Qamran Hafiz 25 of Danesmoor, Banbury, Atiq Hussain, 24 of Avenue Road, Banbury, Tafail Mohammed, 24, of East Close, Banbury, Marcelo Suarez, 21, of Hillside Close, Banbury, Leon Cole, 20, of Alma Road, Banbury, Abdul Safraz, 32 of Deacon Way Banbury, Nasser Younis, 38, of Sandford Green, Banbury, Ahsan Raza, 20, of Churchill Road, Birmingham and Atique Akhtar 24, Aamir Arfi, 24, and Waquas Hussain, 24, all three of no fixed abode were then found not guilty.

Not guilty verdicts were recorded for all defendants on all counts. The offences related to three female victims between 2004 and 2015.

Daniel Davey has just started a six and-a-half year sentance

Investigation launched after prisoner dies

A PAEDOPHILE who abused a five-year-old boy has died in his cell just six weeks into his sentence at HMP Bullingdon.

Daniel Davey 22 was serving a six-and-a half year jail sentence at the Bicester prison for sexually abusing his young victim while working as a babysitter over an 18-month period between 2015 and 2016.

Davey was sentenced on December 1 last year at Swindon Crown Court but was found dead in his cell earlier this month.

He denied three counts of sexual assault of a child but was found guilty of two charges including a multi incident count alleging it happened on at least five occasions.

A Prison Service spokesperson said: "HMP Bullingdon prisoner Daniel Davey (DOB 04/09/1996) died in custody on Friday 12 January 2018.

"As with all deaths in custody there will be an independent investigation by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman."

Warning over Brexit affect on NHS staffing

PRO-EU campaigners have been spreading their message in Oxford.

Oxford for Europe and Europe Movement, a coalitian of groups and individuals campaigning to challenge the Brexit process and negotiations, protested at Carfax Tower on Saturday.

The campaign groups fear cancer patients are at risk and could see their treatment hit if the UK quits Euratom as part of Brexit. Former Oxford city councillor David Williams spoke to shoppers about the impact Brexit could have on NHS staffing.

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Apprentice engineers her future

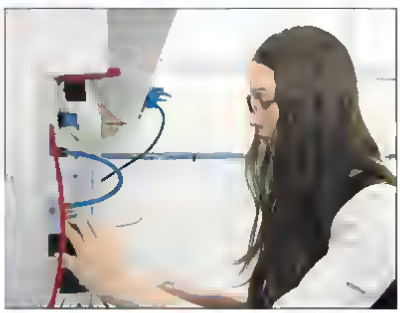
AN apprentice at Culham s science centre has won a prestigious national bursary.

Katrya Sabin, 19, will now be able to take advantage of a variety of mentoring and work placement opportunities with one of the world s largest engineering institutions.

The second year electrical engineering apprentice stood out from 75 contenders to win £1 000 in sponsorship from the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET).

Katrya's bursary will help her with travel and accommodation costs during her apprenticeship at the science centre near Abingdon.

Currently she commutes from Leamington every day but she hopes to move somewhere closer to the Culham site.



Katriya said: "I'm incredibly pleased to receive the bursary I chose to go through the apprenticeship route because I felt trapped in the academic route. Experience in the workplace is, in my opinion, just as valuable as a degree."

As well as helping the drive towards fusion energy at Culham, she has her eye on some of the world s other big hi-tech challenges: "I would like to broaden my horizons in the engineering world, keep an open mind on the routes I could go down."

Snowflake not just a product of cold wintry weather

MANSPLAINING snowflake and hangry are among more than 1,000 words added to the latest Oxford English Dictionary.

Mansplaining is when a man explains something condescendingly to a woman.

Hangry is a blend of hungry and angry while snowflake is a derogatory term used to describe overly sensitive people. Visit tinyurl.com/y7mvsjft for all words.

Park campaigners hit target

Benches and wild garden space planned by Donnington group

Last-gasp push to reach target

Park campaigners need £500 more to make necessary amount

Last week's story highlighting the group's final bid for funds

"WE did it!" exclaimed proud campaigners as they reached a major fundraising target in the nick of time, *writes Eva Astreinidou.*

Donnington Tenants and Residents' Association (DTRA) managed to raise more than £4 600 in a bid to complete a renovation project at their local park.

They had around £500 left to raise in the last fortnight otherwise they would have lost funds raised during months of campaigning.

Cllr Helen Evans, secretary of the DTRA says the group is thrilled with the response to the fundraising appeal.

She added: "We can't wait to get started and are running an event on February 14 to hear more about what they'd like to see included."

Just over £4,100 was raised this time last week, also thanks to a total of £2,000 from the Shanly Foundation and Esmee Fairbairn Foundation.

The fundraiser was set up to pay for three memorial benches and a wild garden space for young and old alike – the group also want to set up initiatives such as walking football for people aged up to 100 years old as well as a basketball hoop and a huggy and wheelchair-friendly path.

This comes after Oxford City Council announced last year that it would pay for improved entrance gates and marked out football pitches to improve the park.

The Donnington feedback session will be held at Donnington Community Centre from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Reflecting on the power of words at Holocaust service

A SERVICE of reflection in Oxford brought to light 'the power of words to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day.

During the service at Oxford town hall members of the community lit a Yahrzeit, or year time candle, to commemorate the lives of the six million Jews and five million others, gypsies disabled people, homosexuals and political prisoners who died during the Holocaust.

The Lord Mayor of Oxford, Councillor Jean Fooks said: "[The] day serves to remind us all of the horrors of the Holocaust and other atrocities committed when people give way to racism fascism and intolerance of those different from themselves."

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2018 explores how language has been used in the past, and how it is used in the present day.

Penny Faust, member of Oxford Jewish Congregation and chair of the Oxford Council of Faiths said: "Name-calling is very often not perceived to have any intrinsic danger. But that is certainly not true in this day and age.

"There needs to be wider recognition, for both public and private figures that words are very powerful and once written or said are very difficult to withdraw.

"Name calling nowadays can lead at least to active discrimination and at worst to violence."

Penny Faust of the Oxford Jewish Congregation lights a candle

InBrief

Assault after theft

A MAN assaulted a member of the public on Cowley Road after stealing items from behind the till of a restaurant.

Police have now released CCTV images of a man, *pictured above*, who they believe could have vital information.

The offender entered Perios restaurant on Cowley Road and took items from behind the till on Boxing Day between 3.45pm and 4pm.

After leaving the premises, a member of the public followed and challenged the offender by the bus stop outside Hughes House, where an altercation took place.

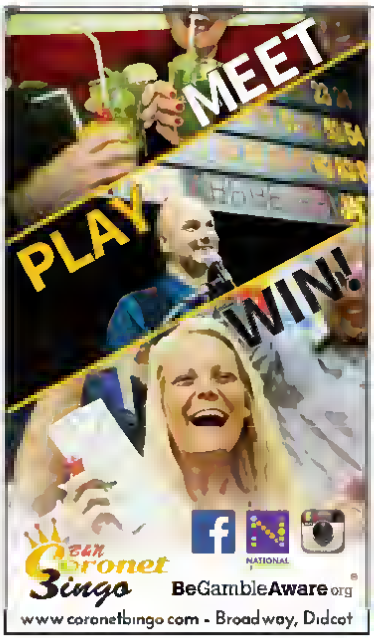
The victim, a 36 year old man, was treated for hand injuries.

The stolen items were recovered at the scene. If you can help, call 101.

All shook up!

BREWDOG brewery which runs a bar in Cowley Road will give out its Elvis Juice to anyone dressed as Elvis Presley this weekend after winning a lawsuit.

The late American singer's estate alleged it infringed on its trademark and requested the company changed its name.



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I'll miss diversity and vitality of city, says retiring council leader

By George Welch

WHEN Bob Price was elected as a city council representative in 1983 the internet had just been launched and Margaret Thatcher was in Number 10 Downing Street.

It is safe to say the Labour councillor has seen and done a lot in his 35 years in local government.

He announced last September that, after more than three decades representing Hinksey Park, it was time to retire. He turns 70 in May the same month as the Oxford City Council elections.

"I got some very nice letters – but I've had a few letters which were rather less then nice. It comes with the territory though so you expect that," Cllr Price said of his announcement.

The more complementary letters came primarily from the Labour Party group which Cllr Price led for 12 years until being replaced by Susan Brown this week. He will remain as a councillor and on the council's executive board until May's elections.

And while he looks back fondly on his time on the city council and the transformation of the city it is clear the 69-year-old is ready for the next phase of his life.

His wife Jo is also retiring and one of his daughters, Isabelle, is turning 18.

"It's a very nice family point at which to start a new phase of our lives," he said. "We're certainly not moving though so I will still be very active within Oxford."

The long-standing politician is looking forward to doing more of the many things he enjoys.

Getting more involved in the city's arts and culture scene, walking, running – he used to be a keen half marathon runner – and travelling in eastern Europe are just a few things Mr Price is looking forward to.

The city's Westgate project was one of the largest Bob Price, left, has been involved with

Council meetings will soon be a thing of the past but stepping down as leader and from the council will be a shock to the system even if he has had a long time to prepare.

He said. "The thing I'll miss the most is the sheer diversity, range and vitality of the city. The privileged position you're in as the leader is that you meet and take part in so many different types of activities.

"Whatever I do afterwards won't have the same range but I will see the city from a different perspective."

Highs and lows

DURING his 35 years in office Cllr Price firmly believes that Oxford has changed for the better.

Among his proudest achievements as a councillor is the development of nearly 2 000 Greater Leys homes in the 1990s, which, he said, "was a really big contribution to the city's capacity to house people".

On a personal level he sees the construction of the Grandpoint Nature Park in 1991, which could have become an industrial park, as a 'genuine legacy' while, more recently, he is proud of the council's plans to develop the west end.

On the flip side he confessed that his biggest regret as leader was not being able to expand Greater Leys further south of Grenoble Road – for a greater Greater Leys – which would have paved the way for more much-needed homes.

Cllr Price, who settled in Oxford in 1977, is keen to leave on a high as he helps the new leader settle in.

He said. "The reason for going a little bit early is because I've got three months of overlap with the new leader so I can support them in all the things I've been leading on, including the Oxford to Cambridge corridor and Vision 2050.

"There's a lot of intense work and the new leader will want to get involved but I've got the background knowledge."

Man intended to commit sex act

A MAN who broke into an Oxford home with the intention of sexually assaulting a woman as she slept has been sentenced to five years behind bars.

The victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons, woke up to find 51-year-old Mark Thorne pictured looking under her blanket.

Thorne, of Oliver Road, Oxford, fled the scene but, after enquiries, the force arrested and charged him just six days later. The incident happened on July 16 last year.

Following a three-day trial, a jury found Thorne guilty of knowingly/recklessly trespassing on premises with intent to commit a relevant sexual offence.

Thorne was sentenced to five years imprisonment at Oxford Crown Court on January 19. He was also made subject to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order for seven years.

Investigating officer Detective Constable Simon Campbell of the Investigation Hub based in Oxford, said. "I would like to thank the victim and witnesses in the case for giving evidence at the trial. Their bravery has led to Mark Thorne being convicted and sentenced to five years in prison."

Exciting to be involved in city's future

OXFORD'S next city council leader is excited about playing her part in developing the vision of Oxford's future.

Labour Councillor Susan Brown, the former deputy leader was formally announced as the new leader at a council meeting on Monday when Councillor Bob Price stood down.

She said. "It is an honour and a privilege to be elected as leader of my group and the council.

"It is very exciting to be able to play my part in developing the vision of Oxford's future – the city where I grew up and have spent most of my life."

Cllr Brown has been a city councillor for a total of 17 years having first represented the Churchill Ward from 1994 to 2006, before returning to the council in a by-election in 2012.

In 2016/17 Cllr Brown was Sheriff of Oxford and has been deputy leader since October.

Cllr Price will stay on the executive board to assist with the handover to Cllr Brown, whom she admitted would be "a very hard act to follow".

She added. "The various partnerships that the council is now involved in means that the role of leader is complex.

"Both Bob and I were elected on the same manifesto and there will be no change in the council's policy agenda.

"My main aim as leader will be to listen to the citizens of Oxford, my party and my colleagues.

"No one party or organisation has a monopoly on good ideas.

"Within our aims of delivering high quality, cost effective services to the people of Oxford and challenging inequality whether financial or otherwise, I will work with those who share those objectives."

Cllr Brown works as a senior communications manager at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust but is thought to be considering reducing her time there.

Cllr Linda Smith, the board member for leisure, parks and sport, will replace Ms Smith as the party's deputy leader.

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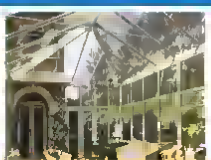

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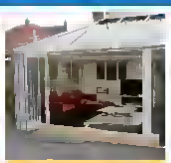

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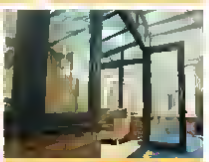

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Overturned lorry causes road closure

AN overturned lorry containing recycling waste partially blocked an exit on the M40 on Monday

Police fire crews and ambulance services arrived at the scene to find the HGV toppled on its side at the Northbound exit slip at Ardley Junction 10 of the motorway

One lane was blocked on the slip road as emergency services tried to keep the busy morning traffic flowing after the incident at around 10 15am

The lorry contained recycling waste made up of paper and plastic.

South Central Ambulance Service said one man had been taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital with potential neck and head injuries

The lane closure was in place for most of the day after the lorry overturned on the M40 Northbound exit slip

The lane closure remained in place for most of the day while Thames Valley Police carried out recovery and clean up

The incident occurred shortly around the time that the M40 was closed in both directions between Banbury and Bicester as police dealt with a 'fear for welfare incident'

Air ambulance services attended while a man was taken to the John Radcliffe with potentially serious injuries before the road was re-opened shortly after 11am.

Petition calls for end to arresting beggars

By Owen Hughes

AN Oxford MP is supporting a petition to end a 200-year-old law that gives police the power to arrest people begging in public

Oxford Student Union's petition to end the Vagrancy Act 1824 received more than 12 500 signatures surpassing the 10,000 needed for a response from the government.

Recent government statistics revealed Oxford was 70 per cent above the national average number of rough sleepers

Layla Moran, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, said: "The treatment of people homeless and sleeping rough across the UK and in Oxford is getting worse and worse with more of an emphasis seemingly put on punitive measures and not nearly enough on support.

"In my role on the Public Accounts Committee we have found that not nearly enough is being done to tackle homelessness but more than this, the money that is being spent isn't being used effectively either

"We need more money for homeless support services, but more than that, money that will be spent fixing the core root of the problem and looks at why people are homeless in the first place

"This also needs to be backed up with the building of vastly more affordable homes."

More than 3 000 homeless people were brought before courts in violation of the act in 2014 and 2015

Under the 19th century law, police have the power to arrest any people found 'begging' or sleeping rough in public.

Exploring the wonder of the 'wonder bridge'

OXFORD'S "wonder bridge" will have an evening dedicated to exploring the contribution it has made to the city's culture at the Museum of Oxford next month

Museum staff and historian Peter Smith will lead the talk using period photos and short wartime newsreel film clips to explain the history and use of the Bailey Bridge during the Second World War and afterwards

Allied commander Dwight Eisenhower described the construction as one of the top three engineering inventions of the war

The press called the structure a "wonder bridge" and credited it with making a huge contribution towards ending the Second World War

The Bailey Bridge at Port Meadow was constructed by Royal Engineers in just a few hours in September 1947 to replace a crumbled footbridge.

Councillor Dee Sinclair executive board member for culture and communities, said: "The Bailey Bridge is such a remarkable example of great engineering which made a huge contribution to Oxford's history

The Bailey Bridge in Port Meadow was built in 1947

"This talk will be a great insight into Oxford during World War Two, and how that is still reflected today."

Proceeds from the evening will go towards the Museum of Oxford redevelopment.

The project will involve the Old Museum, which was closed in 2011, transformed to create a new purpose-built space with the capacity to increase the number of exhibits from 280 to 750

Tickets for the talk on February 8 at 5.30pm can be purchased from the Museum Gift Shop or online at eventbrite.co.uk.

Hospice to stop adult care amid drop in funding

Helen & Douglas House to cut staff by 60

By Eva Astreinidou

AN Oxford hospice says it needs support now more than ever after announcing it will close one of its two care hubs to ensure it can survive

The drastic steps announced by Helen & Douglas House come after a shortfall in funding and a highly competitive fundraising environment

From August the charity will no longer be providing a service for 18-35-year-old patients currently cared for at Douglas House.

It is anticipated this will result in the region of 60 redundancies across the organisation in 2018

The charity says that it has been working to reduce operating costs for some time, but that the savings made were not sufficient

Chair of the trustees Elizabeth Drew said: "We are adopting a prudent approach to reduce the service in line with what we can afford in order to keep the hospice open.

"We are confident that this places the organisation on a firm foundation from where it can evolve to meet the emerging needs of our young patients. We are grateful for all the support we get from the local community and now, more than ever, we need you."

The charity said it will continue to support the young adult patients and their families currently in its care and help them access alternative care where available in the community

It will continue to provide specialist palliative care for terminally ill children and young people aged 0-18 years old both at Helen House and at home

Chief executive officer Clare Perkin will continue in her post and lead the organisation through the changes. It is anticipated she will reduce her executive team by half.

A spokesperson said the charity currently spends £5.2million in order to run the hospice and for at least the past seven years has not received sufficient funds to cover the costs.

Drew Farmor from Didcot Railway Centre explains how levers operate a steam locomotive and inset, four-year-old Harry from Abingdon enjoyed winding the reversing lever on a steam locomotive

Levers pull in youngsters at station

ASPIRING engineers got a real hands-on experience at Didcot Railway Centre over the weekend

Around 30 children aged from three to six pulled levers and got involved in science and engineering at a little engineers workshop on Sunday

The centre hosted the family activity with the theme of levers to encourage children to explore

The day comes after an inaugural event in November where the theme was signals

The centre hosts a variety of family-friendly activities, including days out with Thomas and visits from well-known rail engines.

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News

Women's rights to be celebrated

A FORMER Lord Mayor of Oxford and anti nuclear weapons campaigner will be commemorated at a public event celebrating the centenary after birth.

Olive Gibbs, born February 17, 1918 twice held the position of Lord Mayor of Oxford, first in 1974 and again in 1981.

The Labour politician chaired the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and was awarded the first honorary degree from Oxford Brookes University in 1986. She was also Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire.

The free event on February 6 at the Assembly Room is part of Oxford International Women's Festival marking the 100th anniversary of votes for women in the UK.

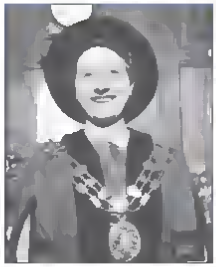
Flags in suffragette colours – purple, white and green – will be flown across Oxford as well as the council.

Labour councillor Susan Brown, leader of Oxford City Council, said: "Women from Oxford and across the country fought for our rights to participate fully in society.

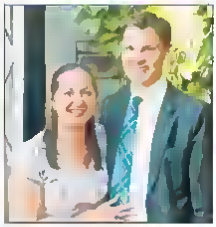
"This commemoration gives us a chance to thank them and to hear the amazing stories of their bravery and determination.

"I'm looking forward to learning more about local women this year and helping to celebrate them."

The Representation of the People Act gave women over the age of 30 who owned property and all men over the age of 21 the right to vote.



Olive Gibbs, former Lord Mayor and Chairman of Oxfordshire County Council, was born the year women won the right to vote



Phil Marshall took on the challenge to raise funds to help his wife Sarah

By Samantha McGregor

Wife very proud

A RUNNER has completed a "gruelling" ultramarathon and raised more than £16 000 for a charity supporting his wife.

Last month Phil Marshall, 35, ran 268-miles along The Pennine Way, from Edale to Kirk Yetholm, battling extreme winds waist-deep snow 24 hours of torrential rain and sleep deprivation.

During the seven day race Phil had to run 200 miles with bandaged feet due to blisters and suffered hallucinations due to sleep deprivation, and even walked into a snow-covered pond which caused his gloves and shoes to freeze.

Every mile he ran raised money for charity Pulmonary Hypertension Association UK, which funds research into the condition from which his wife Sarah suffers.

Sarah, 37, from Banbury, was diagnosed with life-limiting Pulmonary Hypertension, PH, four years ago aged 33.

PH progressively damages the heart and lungs and Sarah is now awaiting a double lung transplant. There is currently no cure.

Phil, who took up running as a way to deal with the stress and pressure of living with a terminally ill wife, said: "I knew the race would be tough, but nothing could prepare me for the trials thrown at us.

"It was brutal. Every day was a real challenge to keep going.

"I have never been so exhausted, there were so many times that I just wanted to be in the snow and go to sleep.

"But I had to keep going, slowly

Helping train puppy to support disability

AN Oxfordshire dog sitting organisation has joined forces with the Dogs for Good charity for 2018.

The partnership will raise funds to train a puppy that will support adults and children who are living with a disability.

Barking Mad Oxfordshire will host coffee mornings and dog walks to raise funds for the charity.

The organisation said it was "so proud" to work with Dogs for Good to help "enrich and improve" people's lives.

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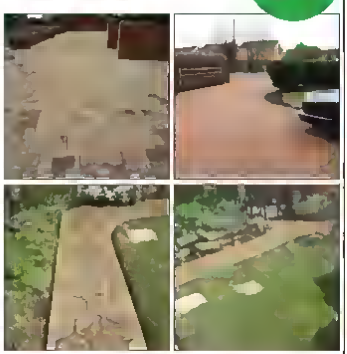

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# of ultra husband

Phil Marshall braved extreme weather conditions as he took on the 268-miles along The Pennine Way from Derbyshire to the Scottish borders

putting one foot in front of the other

"I daren't think about how much further I had left to go each day, as it was such a terrifying thought as I was really weak and tired.

"So instead I set myself mini challenges like getting to the next fence or over the next hill. Thinking only of the immediate miles.

"The weather was the worst I've ever seen in this country. And it was relentless. But I'm so proud that I did it and managed to raise such an amazing amount of money for the PHA.

"They are such a small charity but with such an important goal. Hopefully this money will help fund research into a cure."

Former Fritwell School teacher Sarah said: "I'm so proud of Phil for completing this epic challenge.

"It was so difficult to hear the one I love crying with fatigue or illness, and hearing their tales of how hard it was... but he kept going.

"He was determined to finish and determined to raise as much money as he could for the PHA.

"I'm a very, very proud wife."

Carillion contract ended

OXFORDSHIRE County Council has forked out £10.65million to pay for completed work and to formally end its contract with Carillion five months early.

The council has officially ended its contract with the facilities management firm from today following its collapse on January 15.

The pay off brings forward the already agreed end of the contract set for the end of June.

Carillion provided services on behalf of the council including school meals and cleaning, maintenance of council buildings' property services and building work such as school extensions. The council, now responsible for these services, said had it not struck the exit deal early and paid up it would be facing complex legal issues to end the contract.

Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, cabinet member for property, cultural and community services, said: "We brought the process forward and legally terminated our contact and will be taking over those services to ensure continuity."

She added. "Carillion's financial problems were not the original reason we wanted to end the contract. But as the scale of the company's problems became apparent we are very glad we ended the contract when we did.

"The reality is that if we had not ended the contract and settled with the liquidators we would now be tied up in lengthy negotiations to end our involvement with the company.

"This early exit deal means we can get on with finding better ways to deliver services Carillion provided."

Having signed a 10-year deal with Carillion in 2012 the council said it had spent about £148m with the company.

All contracts and arrangements will be reassessed later this year the council added.

Sub contracted staff across the county were paid by administrators PWC until yesterday and were transferred over to the council today.

Wrestler turned filmmaker shares advice

YOUNG filmmakers in Oxford were treated to a masterclass from a Hollywood actor and former WWE superstar last week.

Students at SAE Oxford and partner schools had the curtain pulled back on the movie business as Leroy Kincaide delivered a talk that shed light on how to make a mark in the film industry.

Leroy's passion to become an actor and filmmaker stemmed from his years performing as a professional wrestler with American wrestling giant WWE.

After working as a film extra and creating his own web series, Paranormal GI, Leroy set up his production company Nocturnal Pictures with producer partner Chloe Chudasama.

More recently Leroy produced the award winning short film, Max Payne Retribution, based on the popular video game franchise.

Leroy said: "Young filmmakers should always be aware that this is a very collaborative industry, no one is better than anyone else as on any film set, we are all in it together.

"It's important to always follow your heart and do what you love doing."

SAE digital film production student Chris Cosby said: "Leroy was very enthusiastic and concise in his inspirational delivery of advice to us all."

Leroy Kincaide spoke to film students at SAE Oxford on Thursday Picture: *Chris Cosby*

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Inspiring a workforce fit for the future at Diamond open days

THOUSANDS of aspiring scientists and engineers in Oxfordshire as young as seven will have the opportunity to learn more about the profession at a series af careers events this year

Diamond Light Source, in Harwell, will host a schedule of events as part of the government s Year of Engineering 2018 campaign to give young people experiences of modern engineering

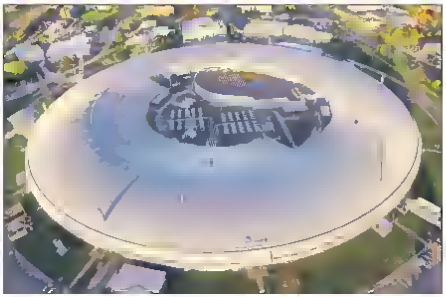
The careers and open days will he designed to increase interest in science, technology engineering and mathematics pathways

Youngsters between the ages of seven and 16, their parents and teachers will have the chance to learn what engineers do in a bid to tackle the industry s skills gap

The campaign was launched in response to an estimated shortfall of 20 000 engineering graduates a year having a significant impact on productivity and growth.

Stewart Scott, head of Beamline Systems Engineering, said. "As one of the world s leading science facilities we have a responsibility to help encourage the next generation of engineers and sciences. ensuring we have a high skilled workforce that is fit for the future."

Bookings can be made for open days on March 24, June 9 August 21 and November 10 at www diamond ac uk/Public.html



The Diamond Light Source at Harwell. Picture *Harwell Campus*

Help with your mental health

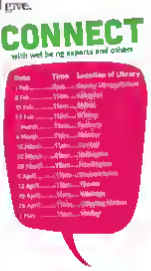
SMALL lifestyle changes can improve mental wellbeing – and health experts libraries and charity Oxfordshire Mind are joining forces to get the message across

A series of events across 14 of the county s libraries begins today at County Library

Each library will host a Tea and Talk Day aimed at connecting people and promoting discussion about mental wellbeing

Speakers will include county council cabinet member for health and education Hilary Hibbert Hiles. Oxfordshire Mind's trustee Nicholas Welch and an Oxfordshire Mind service user

The talks will focus on the five ways to wellbeing': connect, be active, take notice, keep learning and give.



Exciting new West Way to go ahead

By Eva Astreinidou

PEOPLE in Botley 'will be very relieved planned redevelopment work can finally start after the completion of a £12 4million deal.

Vale of White Horse District Council has finalised an agreement with developers to revitalise the shopping centre and adjacent land at West Way

The latest development comes after more than 28 months of delays to begin a £100million redevelopment of the West Way which will eventually feature shops a hotel and student accommodation.

Chris Church, of the Association for Botley Communities and a campaigner for West Way Community Concern, said. "It's fair to say most people in the area will he very relieved thet finally development can start

"The majority of the shops are now empty sn if the aces is not to end up in dereliction we need quick action."

He added. "With Westgate and other shops opening in the city we need to make sure that there is still a market for it."

The council says it agreed to a reduction of around £1 4million to help developers Botley Development Company proceed with the purchase and speed up the process.

The new agreement is for just over £12.4million.

Since the original agreements to sell in 2012. the developer has adapted and changed its plans after extensive consultation with the community

The updated plans were granted permission by the council in June 2016

Vale leader Matthew Barber said. "I'm sure residents of Botley are, like me, delighted to have reached this vital stage. It is been a long road to get to this point. but now we can look forward to a brand new, exciting West Way that will serve Botley and residents in the Vale for years to come."

An appheation for the revised scheme will be decided by the end of February

Botley Development Company hopes to start preliminary work on the site as soon as possible.

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Fined for illegal killing of piglet

ORGANIC farmers in west Oxfordshire have been fined more than £4,000 for causing "unnecessary suffering" when illegally slaughtering a 10 week-old piglet.

Warton Organic Farm near Cassington was ordered to pay the sum at Oxford Magistrates Court earlier this week after complaints were made to Trading Standards in May last year.

The court heard the piglet's feet were bound before it was stabbed leading to a prolonged death, causing distress and unnecessary suffering.

Food safety legislation guidelines were not followed by the business who served the meat to customers at its café.

David Blake and Anna Blake, who own the business, and their employee Jenelo Marques Fidel, pleaded guilty and said the offences were committed out of ignorance of the law.

They were charged with the illegal slaughter of an animal and for failing to keep appropriate veterinary medicine records.

Councillor Judith Heathcoat, cabinet member for trading standards, said the rules ensure "the safety and integrity of our food chain" and "prevent unnecessary suffering".

She added: "The vast majority of livestock keepers maintain very good farming standards and we will not tolerate those who undermine the system."

All three defendants said they would follow the legal requirements in future.

Have your say on heritage sites

OXFORD City Council is looking for new additions to its list of more than 70 heritage sites that make a special contribution to the character of the centuries old city.

The launch of a new consultation period from Monday allows members of the public to comment on buildings, structures, features or places to be included on the Oxford Heritage Asset Register.

Councillor Alex Hollingsworth, board member for planning and regulatory services, said: "Oxford is rightly famous for its buildings and places, many of which are recognised and protected already. But just as important are buildings of local significance, places that mean something to us locally but which don't meet the criteria to be listed.

The city council established the register with funding from English Heritage (Historic England) the Oxford Preservation Trust and local communities. Inclusion on the register adds an responsibilities on property owners but can help to influence future planning decisions.

The consultation runs until February 26. To comment go to www.oxford.gov.uk/oharr

Happy ending for neglected stallion

By George Welch

A NEGLECTED stallion who struggled to walk after being left alone in a filthy stable for nearly two years with little food and water has learnt to trust people again.

Stew was rescued from 'appalling' conditions by the RSPCA and was moved on to pastures new at an animal rehoming centre in Burford, where he has completed a 'remarkable turnaround'.

Animal charity Blue Cross said the five-year-old stallion was left to starve and, as a result, was mentally traumatised. He has spent the last three months recuperating in west Oxfordshire.

Describing Stew's condition upon arrival at the Shilton Road centre, rehoming manager Vicki Alford said he "was quite aggressive around food at first" and that his hooves "were in an appalling state".

Stew was castrated which calmed him down and his groom at Blue Cross worked hard to build his trust.

"This took a lot of time," Vicki said. "He was very untrusting of his groom at first and would lay his ears flat and charge at her.

"But once he realised that food would come freely and there was no fight for it, he began to settle and his groom was gradually able to touch him and then start working with him."

Vicki added: "We have worked with him using food as a reward to make his association with people a positive one.

"He is now happy to be led, will pick up all four feet and can be groomed all over. He is adorable and loves his groom now. It's a remarkable turnaround."

Stew still gets anxious at being left alone but, thanks to his rehabilitation programme, he is now ready to find a home.

Vicki said that Stew "needs someone who is understanding of his past and will work slowly with him to build his confidence."

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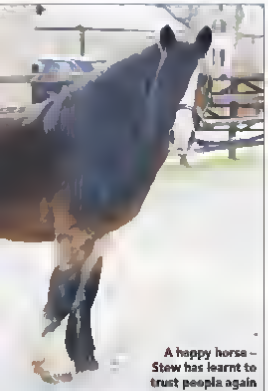

A happy horse – Stew has learnt to trust people again

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Grants on offer to help boost rural businesses

By George Welch

GRANTS of up to £100,000 are available to community groups and small businesses for projects that support the rural economy.

The £1.55million funding pot comes from Oxfordshire LEADER and contributions are available for capital costs, such as building work, equipment and for projects located in the catchment area, until September.

Last year the LEADER programme awarded environmental charity Sylva Foundation nearly £24,000 to build a new forestry yard at its Wood Centre in Long Wittenham.

The centre is a hub for wood-using businesses with Face North Forestry a fast-growing company, recently moving into a new yard on site.

Owner Nick Keighley said: "Moving into the yard has allowed me to grow my business and add value to the timber I fell. Being based at the Sylva Wood Centre means there is a readymade customer base for my products."

Paul Orsi, director for forestry at Sylva Foundation, said the LEADER grant was "vital to take this project forward".

The Oxfordshire LEADER Action Group (LAG) decide where the LEADER funds are awarded and is made up of representatives from local trusts, organisations and district councils.

Nick Keighley from Face North Forestry in the new yard

It is chaired by south Oxfordshire district councillor Elizabeth Gillespie, who said: "Our group visited the Sylva Wood Centre and were delighted to see how the funds were supporting innovative small wood businesses and impressed at the overriding ethos of the Sylva Wood Foundation."

To qualify projects must create jobs, increase productivity, develop new markets, increase visitors to the area and/or provide essential rural services.

Oxfordshire LEADER is welcoming expressions of interest for support until September. All funds will be allocated by March 2019. Visit www.oxfordshireleader.org.uk for more information.

If you think your project is eligible contact Sophie, programme manager, on 01235 422245 or email Oxfordshire.leader@southandvale.gov.uk for advice.

InBrief

Digital development

AMBULANCE services in the south have been given a multi-million pound boost to develop "world class" digital services.

South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) NHS Foundation Trust is one of three NHS ambulance trusts to be awarded a share of the £5million investment on Wednesday (January 24) to develop its digital side.

West Midlands and North East NHS Foundation Trusts will join SCAS as the first ambulance services to enrol on the Global Digital Exemplar (GDE) programme.

Over the next two years, SCAS will receive an additional £1.7million from NHS England, which the Trust will match fund, to continue its digital transformation. The extra £5million in funding takes the total investment from NHS England to £10million.

A34 road closure

A STRETCH of the A34 will be closed overnight for two weeks.

From today until February 14, the A34 between Harwell and Milton Park will be closed overnight between 9pm and 6am for resurfacing work.

During these closures a signed diversion will be in place via Newbury and Abingdon Road.

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Bouquets of love left on shopping centre benches

BOUQUETS of sweet smelling roses and hand-written poetry could be surprising west Oxfordshire residents this Valentine s Day

A Witney-based family-owned florist found success with a campaign to launch the business in August last year when bunches of seasonal flowers were left on benches around the Woolgate shopping centre

Recip ents of the mystery gifts were encouraged to post pictures of their discovery on the florist s Facebook page.

The scheme was so successful that Cupid s arrow could be adorned with Witney roses when it strikes again this month

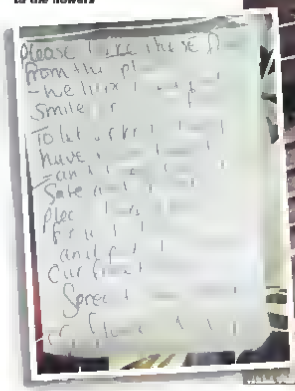
Melissa Norridge 27 has 14 years experience in floristry and set up Flower NV with her sister Sophie Varney 33 last summer

She said: "We left the flowers in three different locations around Witney and they each had a poem attached asking people to take them home and post about it on social media.

"We decided to stop and watch people pick them up but it didn't take too long – they were gone before we even made it back to the car."

Melissa worked her way up from a Saturday job at her local flower shop to area manager before starting her own business with Sophie

Sophie Varney's daughter Amelia poses with one of the bouquets left for a lucky Witney shopper to pick up and below, the poem attached to the flowers



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City rent scheme

FAMILIES at risk of homelessness in Oxford are benefiting from a city council scheme to guarantee the first three months' rent to landlords.

Landlords participating in the scheme agree to provide tenancies for families who have approached the council because they are at risk of homelessness

Councillor Mike Rowley, board member for housing, said: "I am delighted that the Rent Guarantee Scheme has met its first year target of 40 tenancies."

Oxford is the least affordable city for housing in the UK with a private tenant on average earnings expected to shell out more than half of their income on rent.

Cllr Rowley added. "The RGS bridges this divide by offering support and incentives to both landlords and tenants."

Interested landlords can visit oxford.gov.uk/rentguarantee.

Colleges are good

EDUCATION group Activate Learning, which runs the City of Oxford College and Banbury and Bicester College, has been rated as good overall.

Following a December inspection the provider was praised for improvements in teaching, learning and assessment resulting in better student outcomes and progression.

Visit tinyurl.com/y8ofxp3h for the full report.

Brookes has plans for 500 homes on campus

By Eva Astreinidou

OXFORD Brookes University has submitted plans to replace a campus with 500 homes

The proposals for the Wheatley site include 200 affordable homes sports facilities, car parking spaces and a children s play park.

The campus seven miles from the city centre would be demolished to make way for the housing.

The university said it would relocate the current teaching and residential facilities by 2022

Wheatley villagers are divided over the proposals off the A40 London Road.

On the Wheatley village facebook group, Anne Gee commented: "More houses that the young/working class can't afford what's the point? This is not a village anymore."

Evelyn Hillier commented "Without additional infrastructure and sewage works improvement this is short sighted.

"The traffic through Wheatley is horrendous already and this will increase the bottleneck so just plonking up to 500 houses there and walking away can t be allowed."

Claire Lou echoed the sentiment, saying: "I've just moved out of the city Enjoy the lack of light pollution and it will be so close to my house. I know we need more housing but still slightly heartbroken."

Val Messenger also commented, expressing her concern over the impact the plans could have on public transport provision.

She said. "When Brookes goes it will probably mean half of the public transport will disappear"

Others such as Mary Tapper, said the plans would be a positive. "I look forward to seeing it happen. We need houses for people I do hope some of the housing is genuinely affordable, rather than in name only"

Martin Simmonds added. "We think it is a great idea and the housing is needed for affordable homes in the village and surrounding area."

Sue Holmes, director of estates and facilities management, said. "As announced in 2015, Oxford Brookes is planning to move all activity from the Wheatley Campus by 2021/2022

"Oxford Brookes is currently pursuing the sale of the site and has submitted an outline planning application for the redevelopment of the site for housing."

The decision date for the application is expected to be on April 20.

To have your say before consultation ends on February 22 visit https://tinyurl.com/yhxegdp

Crackdown on blue badge abusers across county

ANTI-FRAUD teams hope commen hear the message loud and clear' after 25 blue badges abusers were caught breaking the rules.

The countywide crackdown was carried out by Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford City Council who undertook an on street operation last month.

The greatest number of badges were seized in Oxford city centre and at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

More than 650 badges were checked, removing 18 and issuing seven penalty charges to people parked in a disabled bay without a blue badge.

County councillor Judith Heathcoat said. "The blue badge system needs to operate with integrity That is the message that should be heard loud and clear"

Oxford city councillor Ed Turner said. "Abuse of a blue badge can have a serious impact on those legitimate users who need a parking space."

Blue badge misuse is a criminal offence and can result in a fine of up to £1 000 and a criminal record.

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Does your pet deserve a medal?

THERE are just three days left to nominate your hero pets for the Blue Cross Medal 2018.

Animal lovers are being encouraged to name inspirational pets who could be the next medal-winner before nominations close on Sunday.

In previous years the award has been aimed at working pets including guide and police dogs, therapy pets and pets who have saved lives in dramatic ways.

But this year Blue Cross is opening the medal up to more nominees and hoping to hear about the everyday pet hero who is changing lives in all kinds of ways.

This could include guinea pigs who help give children confidence, cats who are there to listen, dogs who help you get in shape – any pet who helps you in any way big or small.

Last year's winner was a five-year-old Staffordshire bull terrier cross called Romeo.

Last year's winner Romeo

Romeo was nominated by his loving owner as he spends a great deal of time visiting stroke patients and residents in care homes, and regularly donates blood to the Royal Veterinary College saving numerous canine lives.

To nominate a pet and find out more, visit www.bluecross.org.uk/medal

Pictures capture life in refugee camp

PHOTOGRAPHS taken by refugees on disposable cameras will be on show in Oxford.

The pictures depict life in a refugee camp through the eyes of the refugees while also challenging negative media stereotypes.

The Disposable Perspectives exhibition comes after 15 disposable cameras were given to refugees in the Porte de la Chapelle camp in Paris at the end of 2016.

The event was the brainchild of Amy Lineham, a medical student who had been volunteering at the camp.

She gave the cameras to the refugees with them fully responsible for the images they took.

The event will be hosted at The Barn, St John's College in St Giles, tomorrow from 7pm to 10pm.

Year 7 pupils discovered the runaway tortoise, inset, in a field at Cheney School

Tallulah's slow bid for freedom

IT wasn't so much a great escape but more a sluggish trudge. Yet, in tortoise terms, it was quite a journey.

Tallulah the tortoise, who broke free from her Oxford garden last July, was found on Wednesday last week – just 322 metres away.

The nine-year-old had lived happily with her owners Danielle Morris, 50, and her daughter Leanna, 29, until, on a sunny midsummer day, she embarked on a death defying adventure.

After 'scarpering' through a foxhole she plodded through a neighbouring back garden past the house and through their front garden before carefully crossing busy Gipsy Lane.

She ended up in a field at Cheney School, just across the road, found by some shell shocked Year 7 children, six months after she first set off.

It has been calculated she travelled at a speed of less than 0.00005mph.

Fearing their pet reptile had disappeared forever, Danielle and Leanna put up missing posters and appealed for help on social media.

A lot has happened during Tallulah's expedition – snow, a Brexit breakthrough, the budget, copious Donald Trump tweets, hurricanes and a royal engagement.

Tallulah, who was reportedly microchipped, has been reunited with her owners after spending some time with the vets.

Fun and games at second birthday

REVELLERS celebrated an Oxford community centre's second anniversary with a birthday cake and games.

Rose Hill Community Centre, which opened in 2016 after a £4.76million revamp, was celebrated on Tuesday.

Over the past two years the community centre has welcomed more than 173,000 visitors, inducted more than 1,100 gym members; welcomed five tenants, with another joining in the near future, booked an average of 37.5 hours per week of health activities and was awarded the new-build accolade at the 2018 Oxford Preservation Trust Awards.

To mark the special occasion a two hour party was held for the community, tenants and users in the Bill Buckingham Ballroom.

City councillor Dee Sinclair, board member for culture and communities, described the flagship centre as "a fantastic hub for residents and venue for our tenants supplying a service to the local community".

The project originally began in 2012 after a Rose Hill residents' survey showed that 459 of 597 respondents wanted a new community centre.

The 25-room building off Ashhurst Way was opened by then Oxford Lord Mayor Rae Bumberstone.

Among its facilities is a 30-station gym, meeting and conference facilities, social club, community library, three advice rooms and hall room.

Woman given medal for 50 years with condition

'Many challenges to living with diabetes'

By Samantha McGregor

AN Oxfordshire woman has been awarded a medal for her "courage and perseverance" dealing with diabetes for more than 50 years.

Julie Robbins, 66, was presented with the Alan Nabarro medal, which is awarded to people who have lived with the condition for five decades.

Julie, from Banbury, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when she was six.

But by following a healthy diet, exercise and taking good care of herself she has successfully managed her condition.

People who have Type 1 diabetes cannot produce insulin and rely on daily insulin doses – taken either by injections or via an insulin pump.

Julie, who works in Oxford as an administrator, said: "I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 1963 and have been injecting insulin every day since.

"I was six and had been losing weight – to the point that I was the same size as my three-year old brother so we knew something was wrong.

"It was a shock to the family when the doctors gave us the news. No one really knew anything much about the condition at the time but we all just got on with it.

"Living with diabetes for 50 years has been hard with many challenges along the way."

She said the treatment had advanced since she was diagnosed, rather than using unreliable urine testing strips, modern blood glucose meters and insulin pumps made managing the condition easier.

Julie said: "It takes perseverance but, I haven't let it define me or stop me from leading a full and healthy life. Managing the condition well is the key."

Julie Robbins with her medal – managing the condition well is key she believes

Jill Steaton, regional head at Diabetes UK South East, said Julie was an "inspiration".

She said: "Diabetes is a serious and complex condition. Poorly managed it can lead to devastating but avoidable complications such as blindness, amputation and stroke.

"Too many people suffer these complications unnecessarily."

Alan Nabarro waged a lifelong battle against discrimination of people with diabetes and in 1968 he was awarded the OBE for his work with young people in London.

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Cortina restored for hospice funds

By George Welch

A TEAM of mechanics got down and dirty to bring a classic 1980s red Cortina back to life.

The team from North Oxford BMW and MINI in Long Hanborough volunteered their time and effort to restore the vintage vehicle for their charity of the year Sobell House Hospice.

The car was sold for £3 980 with all the money going to the Headington based charity.

Managing director William Le Fevre bought the 1980s Mk5 Ford Cortina at a charity auction in October last year. The car had previously been sat in a garage since 1997.

Mr Le Fevre spotted an opportunity for the team to have some fun restoring a classic car, while raising money for a good cause.

He said, "The team volunteered hours of their time, at our state-of the-art body shop in Long Hanborough.

"We brought the car back to life and in three months we completely transformed it – it is absolutely stunning. The car was stripped right back to a shell, new wings fitted and it was re-painted to the spec of a brand-new car.

"We loved this project and are delighted that we've been able to use the opportunity to raise much needed funds for our local hospice care provider Sobell House."

Sobell House, located in the Churchill Hospital, provides specialist palliative care and support to around 3 000 adult patients and their families each year.

Corporate partnerships manager Tim Wraith said the hospice has "loved" seeing the project come to life.

He said, "We are enormously grateful to the team at North Oxford BMW and MINI. It's so great to see a fundraising initiative involve such great camaraderie amongst a team."

The Cortina was the United Kingdom's best-selling car during the 1970s.

Workshops to help parents spot online dangers to children

MORE than 480 sexual offences were committed online against children in the Thames Valley over the last two years.

Thames Valley Police and safeguarding charity NSPCC are launching workshops for parents and businesses on how to protect children from the dangers of the internet.

The free one hour workshops running from Tuesday will equip parents with the skills to ensure their children know how to set privacy settings, report inappropriate content and block accounts to protect themselves from cyberbullies and potential groomers.

Parents will also learn how to set parental controls, to ensure younger children are protected from content that is not appropriate for their age group and understand how to stay up to date with the apps, games and social media that young people are using.

Emma Motherwell, NSPCC campaigns manager, said, "These workshops are a great way [to] ensure parents have all the tools they need to have regular conversations with their children about what they are doing online to ensure they reap the benefits and protect themselves from the dangers of the internet."

D/Supt Gill Wootton at Thames Valley Police said, "We are keen to support the NSPCC with these workshops and work alongside them to highlight the risks to young people and help them stay safe whilst online."

To book a workshop contact emma.motherwell@nspcc.org.uk.

InBrief

Favourite names

LILY and Oliver topped the list for the most popular baby names in Oxfordshire in 2017.

A total of 7672 births were registered with Oxfordshire County Council, who have revealed the top 10.

Superintendent registrar Alicja Gilroy said, "Poppy is the girl's name that has surged into the top 10 in 2017 and there are a number of new names for boys – Arthur Alfie, Oscar Jacob Muhammed and Benjamin.

"Other notable recent trends are names that would once have been nicknames from a longer name. Albie, Archie, Ollie, Reggie Teddy Freddie Pippa Maggie, Rosie, Elsie Tilly are a few of the more popular ones.

"Old fashioned names are making a comeback as well – Stanley, Arthur Wilfred, Elsie Edith Olive are all rising up the list."

For the full list, visit tinyurl.com/y6w5vs98

Get mor-a Ora

POP superstar Rita Ora and Jamaican singer Grace Jones have been revealed as two of the 2018 headliners for the Henley Festival.

Also topping the lineup on the floating stage on the River Thames at the five-day festival will be Nile Rogers and Curtis Stigers.

The Henley Festival runs from July 11-15. Visit henley festival.co.uk for more information.

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It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than celebrity make-over as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quite a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

The latest design processes mean there is now a tremendous array of fencing products for you to choose from - as instructed from a variety of materials. Each has its own attributes and ultimately it can often come down to a matter of personal preference. For me there was one unique system that stood out as providing the best balance between price and functionality which eradicates fencing problems for good. Or for at least 25 years. Colourfence. For quality value, longevity, aesthetic design - this fencing system ticks all the boxes. Fencing made for the 21st century that will transform the look of your garden which is supplied and fitted by a company whose customer service is as good as the product.

In my view Colourfence is the Rolls Royce of fencing – just without the exclusive price tag. What's more it's guaranteed to stay in place in up to 130mph winds and is virtually maintenance free.

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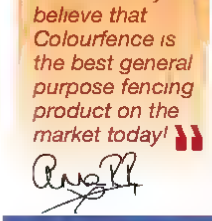

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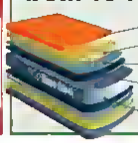

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News

Police sorry over 'wrong words'

By Eva Astreinidou

THAMES Valley Police have had to apologise for using 'a wrong choice of words' about a man repeatedly punching a woman in the head.

Peter Butler, formerly of Glenham Road, Thame, received the apology following complaints about inaccurate information in a press release.

On January 24, 2016, PC Walker attended an incident in the early hours after closing time at the Swan Hotel Thame where a fight had broken out during a lock in.

Mr Butler pleaded guilty to a number of assaults and was sentenced to 16 months' imprisonment in March 2016. The day after sentencing, PC Walker provided information for a press release about the incident, which was subsequently released by the press office at TVP.

In March 2017, Mr Butler complained saying there were various inaccuracies in the press release.

In November TVP responded to the complaint, accepting that PC Walker's comment that Mr Butler had punched a woman in the head multiple times, was 'a wrong choice of words".

Mr Butler was not satisfied with the outcome of the investigation into his complaint and mounted an appeal.

In December 2017, the appeal was rejected but head of TVP's professional standards department, Chris Ward, accepted there had been a mistake in the wording.

In a letter addressed to Mr Butler he said, "The service provided to you has fallen short of that which I would expect, for which I offer my apologies."

While the force did not accept any evidence of deliberate misconduct by PC Walker they confirmed that "strong words of advice" had been given to him.

Mr Butler said, "I would like to thank Detective Chief Superintendent Chris Ward for his apology. Along with other claims by PC Walker that I walked into the Swan Hotel and punched a women in the head multiple times was completely untrue.

"I was commended by the judge for pleading guilty at an early stage. I was sentenced and have paid my debt to society. The incorrect press release by Thames Valley Police has had a devastating effect on me, my family and my local business."

More time for uni exams to up pass rates

OXFORD maths and computer science undergraduates have been given extra time to sit exams to improve female student pass rates.

University documents seen by The Daily Telegraph revealed that "female candidates might be more likely to be adversely affected by time pressure" leading to a 15-minute time increase in summer 2017 examinations.

Exam times were extended for all students on the course, although there was no change to the length or difficulty of the questions in the paper.

While more women achieved 2.1s overall with 2.2 figures falling, men continued to be awarded more first class degrees in the subjects.

A spokesperson for Oxford University said: "As part of an ongoing review of our examination process, the Mathematical Institute in Oxford decided to extend its 90 minute examinations to 105 minutes for all students.

"We believe this extra time allows us to better determine which students have gained the fullest understanding of the course material, in a way which remains academically demanding and fair.

"We are encouraged to note that following these changes, women have performed better in our examinations. It is too soon to draw firm conclusions from this evidence."

Take care on country roads

OXFORDSHIRE Fire & Rescue Service is backing a campaign to reduce the number of fatalities that occur on country roads.

The Rural Roads campaign highlights the risks drivers can expect to encounter in the countryside, such as dangerous overtaking on narrow roads, drunken pedestrians and stray farmyard animals.

Country roads are responsible for 60 per cent of fatalities in the county.

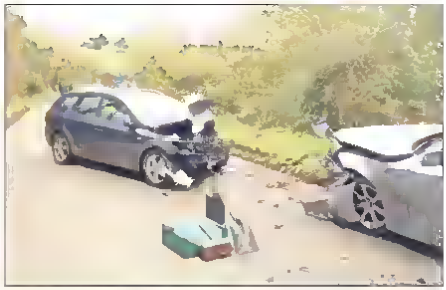
The national THINK! Brake before the bend, not on it campaign urges road users to be aware of potential new hazards even on roads drivers know well.

Andy Ford, road safety team leader at Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service said: "Oxfordshire is a beautiful place to live and we are fortunate to be surrounded by open countryside much of the time when driving.

"Many of us feel safe when we are on a rural road but it is often a deadly mix of long straight runs, where we can pick up speed, punctuated by sharp bends.

"If you aren't familiar with the road, it's safer to drive to what you can see and brake before the bend, not on it.

"If the road is familiar to you, ask yourself what might be different today, what's round that bend this time?"



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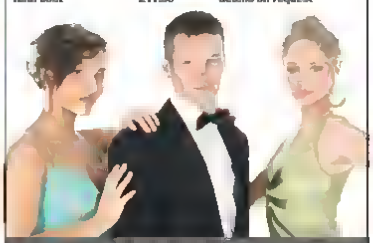

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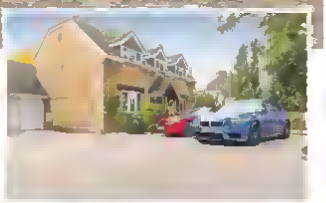

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Friends torn apart by tragedy of war

Picture features the previous cast

By Samantha McGregor

BASED on Khaled Hosseini's international best-selling novel, The Kite Runner is a tender and heart-wrenching tale of two childhood friends whose lives are torn apart.

This powerful story which stars David Ahmad as Amir is a haunting tale of friendship which spans cultures and continents.

It follows one man's journey to confront his past and find redemption.

The Kite Runner begins in Afghanistan when the country is on the verge of war and two childhood friends are about to be torn apart.

It's a beautiful afternoon in Kabul and the skies are full of the excitement and joy of a kite flying tournament.

But neither Hassan nor Amir can foresee the terrible incident which will shatter their lives forever.

As the world changes around them and their lives move further apart, this emotional production charts the connected path of two individuals that fate knits tragically and tightly together.

The book was the first novel by Hosseini, an Afghan-American author and was published in 2003 selling more than seven million copies.

It was made into a film in 2007 and the same year was adapted for the stage by Matthew Spangler with its first performance at San Jose State University. It had its European premiere in Nottingham.

While in the West End, The Kite Runner was described as a "gripping and beautiful play" which received a host of five-star reviews and audience acclaim.

The play runs from Monday until Saturday.

Tickets for The Kite Runner at Oxford Playhouse start at £10 and are available from the ticket office on 01865 305305 or via oxfordplayhouse.com

On stage

14 months to go...

Put a date in your diary for Calendar Girls The Musical – Gary Barlow and Tim Firth's musical comedy is based on the true story, the film and the award-winning play by Tim Firth.

The new tour will star novelist and television presenter Fern Britton, who returns to the stage for the first time in 30 years, as Marie, former Hi-De-Hi star Ruth Madoc's Jessie, while Denise Welch, of Coronation Street and Waterloo Road fame, is Celia.

The award-winning production ran for six months at London's Phoenix Theatre and sold out in Leeds and Manchester.

Don't miss it at the New Theatre in April next year.

Join The Culture Club

A new group to help over 50s connect with culture on their doorstep has been launched at Didcot's Cornerstone Arts Centre.

Called The Culture Club, it will meet fortnightly until April and is open to anyone over 50 who would like to go behind the scenes and find out more about the centre's varied programme of visual and performing arts.

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A marathon of laughter

By Samantha McGregor

THE pair behind an Oxford comedy club are set to raise the roof across five venues in just one day

Alex Farrow and Harry Househam run Jericho Comedy, the twice monthly comedy club at the Jericho Café

Later this month they will host five shows in one day – three evening shows at the Old Fire Station, in the main theatre. The attic and the studio on February 17, which have sold out

Now a further two shows will take place at the Jericho Tavern and the Jericho Cafe from 4pm to 6pm.

The line-up includes James Acaster, Ivo Graham and Rachel Parris, as well as some surprise comedians

Proceeds from the gigs will be donated to mental health charity Oxfordshire Mind, after Alex and Harry pledged to organise 50 comedy nights in honour of the charity's 50th anniversary

So far, the pair have raised £2,000

Harry said: "We quite often double room it, doing two shows simultaneously."

"For this gala we will be double rooming in the afternoon performing at the Jericho Cafe and the tavern across the road at the same time from 4pm to 6pm."

But for the evening shows, Harry

Harry Househam and Alex Farrow

said they would be "triple rooming performing in all three venues of the Old Fire Station simultaneously."

He said: "It has been quite an organisational feat but adding rooms means that we're on track to raise £3,000 for Mind."

Acaster has appeared on Mock the Week, Live at the Apollo, The Conan O'Brien show, while Netflix has commissioned three shows and he's up for the Edinburgh Comedy Award.

Ivo is the youngest ever winner of So You Think You're Funny, and appeared on television shows Mock the Week, Live at the Apollo and Stand up Central.

Of the event, Harry said: "Audiences can expect this to be the comedy event of the year

"Rarely would you get the opportunity to see such great acts up so close in Oxford in such intimate spaces

"James is about to hit the big time cracking the US scene and with shows commissioned by Netflix, it is really exciting to host him for our regulars and our fellow comedy nerds in Oxford.

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Tales to warm your heart in winter

A NEW production which had its premiere at Shakespeare's Globe comes to Oxford this month.

Emma Rice's intimate and inventive production The Little Matchgirl (and Other Happier Tales) comes to Oxford Playhouse from February 13 to 17

This is set to be a magical evening of storytelling and song - for adults and brave children alike—to experience enchanted stones inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's much-loved tales.

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This production was co-adapted by Joel Horwood and Emma Rice, who also directs the show

Danish poet and author Christian Andersen's original short story called The Little Match Girl, was about a dying child's dreams and hope, and was first published in 1845

Tickets for The Little Matchgirl (and Other Happier Tales) at Oxford Playhouse start at £10. Call the ticket office on 01865 305305 or go to oxfordplayhouse.com to book.

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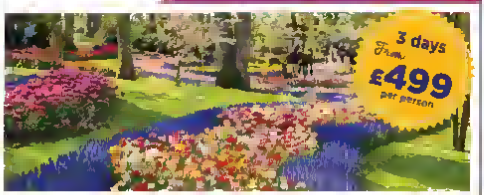

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Exploring land, sea and space

By Samantha McGregor

IT was a performance at an Oxfordshire teen venue that cemented Adam Barnes' love for music

And this week the Oxfordshire-based singer songwriter released his latest album Vacancy At Nasa

It comes as Adam prepares to go out on the road to promote the album which includes the track Electron – released late last year

This month he has three dates in the diary St Pancras Old Church London Paradiso Amsterdam and the Baumhaus Bar in Berlin

Ahead of the album release Adam, 25 said "No one in my family is musical so I'm not sure where the music thing happened"

But he does remember as a school boy watching a live gig and thinking "I would love to form a band and play gigs"

A few years later he and a friend did just that and after a performance at Sweatshop in Wantage Adam's realised his future was crystal clear he said "This is the thing I want to do"

Space themed Vacancy At Nasa is an independent release former St Birinus School Didcot pupil Adam said "With the music industry now it's so easy to reach people via the internet. People find your music on Spotify - you can do everything yourself It's got more benefits and you are not giving away a chunk of your work.

"It was a decision I made two or three years ago to be completely independent."

He started writing the album in 2016 and finished it last year – and describes his style as "melancholic and uplifting folk music"

Vacancy At Nasa was produced by Sam Winfield who worked with Amber Run and Fickle Friends

Since the release of his debut album The Land, The Sea & Everything Lost Beneath and recent EP One Day We'll Be Fine, Adam has garnered more than seven million Spotify plays to date

Previously Adam has toured with the likes of Pete Doherty William Fitzsimmons and last week appeared at Oxford's St Barnabus Church with Courtney Marie Andrews

Expect some magic

Andy Ng explains some of the finer points of Chinese cuisine to Widow Twankey (Scott Houston) and from left, Aladdin (Daisy May Richards) with three of the panto children Sophie Rhone Alistair Houston, and Jacob West

LAUNTON Players are back with their latest pantomime Aladdin and the Magic Lamp

The players' 32nd pantomime takes to the stage at Cooper School's Performance Hall in Bicester on February 15 to 17

This will be the third time the players' have staged Aladdin however this is a new script penned by Martin Evans who is directing the show

The show is based on the traditional tale, and includes Aladdin and his family - his brother Washee Washee and their mother The Widow Twankey and their dragon Spitfire, who all live in Old Peking

Producer Celia Evans, who has been in all 32 shows said in order to get some advice on the nuances of life in China, actors from the show went to chat to Andy Ng, owner of Sun Wah Chinese take away, in Langford Village

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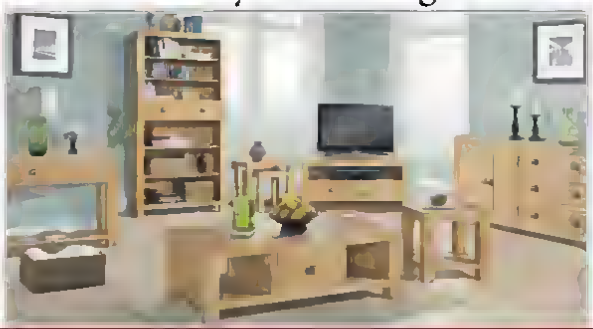
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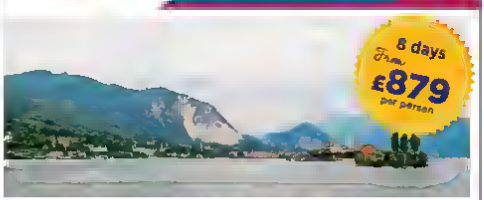

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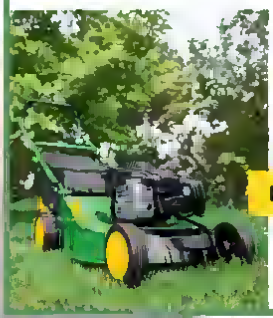

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As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and central grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

MAGIC SQUARE

SLIM TIRESOME TREE

Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically

Quiz Challenge

1. Anna Leanowens is one of the principal characters in which Rodgers and Hammerstein musical?
2. Bill de Blasio is the 109th mayor of which American city?
3. Which eight-letter S word can mean approve as well as disapprove?
4. Lake Titicaca straddles the border of Bolivia and which other South American country?
5. Which Pope died in 1978, just 33 days after his election to the post?
6. St George's Park is a cricket Test match venue in which South African city?
7. Which 1970s British TV sitcom starring Brian Murphy and Yootha Joyce was set at 46 Peacock Crescent, Hampton Wick?
8. Held at Epsom and usually run the day before the Derby, which famous horse race is restricted to three-year-old fillies?
9. Julia Sawalha played which character in the BBC sitcom Absolutely Fabulous?
10. Who played the title role in the 1980 film Private Benjamin?

NONAGRAM

L	E	D
I	G	L
Y	O	N

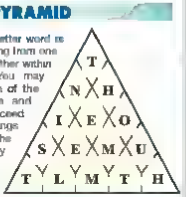
How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines:
24 Good, 29 Very Good, 34 Excellent.

Any word found in first Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated and/or contractions; and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; varied spellings of first letter word (where another variant is also eligible).

WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber



FIVE ALIVE

EQ	UL	AE	CY	TS
XU		YV		RP
OC	BA	RE	SG	EO
TE		IR		AT
LA	CO	ET	OS	SR

Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

SUDOKU

Easy Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 and so must each 3 x 3 box. **Hard**

4			3			1	9	5
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8	2		6		9	3		

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3			5		9		1	
					1		5	6
				5		4		
					2		8	

EQUALISER

5 4

4 ◯ 2 ◯ 1

2 2

6 ◯ 2 ◯ 4

1 2

Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same. Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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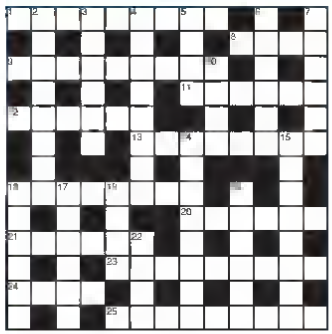
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Well-known flue sprayer (9)
6. Discover hole in new robe (4)
9. Hitler's SA made him a practitioner of alternative medicine (9)
11 Gunners return with grim enthusiasm (5)
12. Economy in the pink (5)
13 Mill hasty characters with a precious stone (8)
16. Look around for a chance of success (8)
20 Get even in Geneva when drunk (5)
21 Where in France an idiot will overcome by greater ingenuity (5)
23 German's gone off with hesitation to find a bird (9)
24 Wrist one can be on the net and on the waves (4)
25. Inexperienced settle in inhospitable country (9)

DOWN

2. Eavesdrop this way and to speak (5)
3. Material for walls: finer and roof of building (5)
4. Obvious sign of a smack? (8)
5. Girl coming form the jumble sale (4)
6. The empty grave turned out to contain an unimportant person (6)
7 When lie out it ceases to be one (6)
10 Jog right round in race (4)
14 Another tan fish to catch (9)
15 It's a watercolour (3,5)
16. Prince right to expel the navellet (8)
17 Hewzat? (6)
18. Stiffly formal pair I'm following (4)
19 Plant Leonard returned to the marshland first (8)
22. Drop rate change (4)

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Suggesting (9)
9 Reddish-brown (6)
10 Piece (4)
11 Cover with slabs (4)
12 Readjustment (8)
13. —— plague (7)
16 Overt (4)
17 Manage (4)
18 Obtain (3)
20 Destiny (3)
21 Row (4)
23 Compass point (4)
25 Replenish (7)
28. Empty (6)
29 Changed colour (4)
30. Financial institution (4)
31 Harshness (6)
32 Possible (5)

DOWN

2. Study term books (4,2)
3. Magical drink (6)
4 Putrefying (6)
5 Part of church (4)
6. Surmised (7)
7 Board game (4)
8. Establish (8)
13. Errant maid (8)
14 Pulse (4)
15 Lid (5)
18 Departs (4)
19 Arise (5,2)
22. Puzzle (6)
23 Australian marsupial (6)
24 Verse (6)
27 Secretive (4)
28 Novice (4)

SOLUTIONS

FIVE ALIVE
Down – Equip, Cargo, Lease, Acorn, Tenor
Across – Quay, Cheese, Actor, Mayor, Sear

NONAGRAM
Nine – Dining, Doing, Gloying, Gloying, Going, Gonging, Gonging, Gonging

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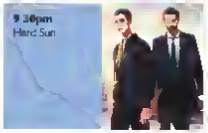


TOP TV

MORNING

16.00am Saturday Kitchen Live
11.30am Mary Berry Everyday

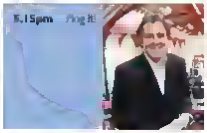
AFTERNOON

12.00pm Football Focus
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm Six Nations: Preview
1.45pm Six Nations: Rugby Union
4.15pm Six Nations: Rugby Union

EVENING

7.00pm BBC News
7.10pm Regional News and Weather
7.15pm All Together Now
8.20pm Casualty
9.10pm BBC News
9.20pm Hard Sun
16.36pm Match of the Day
11.55pm The NFL Show
12.25am 6 Mirrors
2.20am Weather for the Week Ahead
2.25am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2



7.30am Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch
8.00am The Dengineers
8.30am Deadly Top 10
9.00am Robot Wars
10.00am Robot Wars
11.00am Heroes Under the Hammer

12.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
1.00pm Tennis: Davis Cup: Spain v GB
3.30pm Nigel Slater's Middle East: Lebanon
4.30pm Final Score
5.15pm Fling It!

6.00pm Hugh's Wild West
7.00pm A House Through Time
8.00pm Dad's Army
8.30pm Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
9.00pm QI XL
9.45pm Live at the Apollo
10.30pm The Talented Mr Ripley
12.40am Albatross
2.05am This is BBC Two
6.55am Coast
6.30am The NFL Show

ITV

6.20am Be Cool, Scooby-Doo
9.05am Wishfart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am Saturday Morning with James Martin
11.20am Dancing on Ice

1.30pm ITV News
1.35pm Evan Almighty
3.15pm Catchphrase
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.05pm ITV News
6.15pm You've Been Framed!
6.40pm Take Me Out
8.00pm The Voice UK
9.30pm Through the Keyhole
10.30pm ITV News
10.45pm Lethal Weapon
12.40am Jackpot247
3.00am Babushka
3.00am ITV Nightscreen
6.00am Sooty
6.10am Bottom Knocker Street
6.20am Bottom Knocker Street

Channel 4

7.10am King of Queens
8.00am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.55am Frasier
10.25am The Big Bang Theory
11.55am The Simpsons

12.25pm The Simpsons
12.55pm The Simpsons
1.25pm Come Dine with Me
2.25pm Coast v Country
3.25pm A Place in the Sun
4.30pm The Secret Life of the Zoo
5.25pm The Supervet

6.30pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm Great Canal Journeys
8.00pm Village of the Year with Penelope Keith
9.00pm Suffragette
11.10pm About Time
1.20am The Last Leg
2.15am Hollyoaks Omnibus
4.30am Coast v Country
5.15am Location, Location, Location
6.10am Kirstie's Vintage Gems
6.15am King of Queens
8.40am King of Queens

Channel 5

9.40am Digby Dragon
9.55am Peppa Pig
10.00am Peppa Pig
10.05am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.40am Fail Army
11.05am Police Interceptors

12.00pm Feline Interceptors
1.00pm The A-Team
2.00pm The A-Team
3.00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
4.00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
5.00pm Rich House, Poor House
5.55pm 5 News Weekend

6.00pm The Wonderful World of Puppies
7.00pm Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!
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9.00pm Football on 5
9.55pm Football on 5
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4.45am House Doctor
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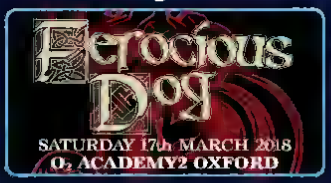

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BBC 1

TOP TV

MORNING
- 7.30am Match of the Day
- 9.00am The Andrew Marr Show
- 10.00am The Big Questions
- 11.00am Sunday Politics

AFTERNOON
- 12.15pm Bargain Hunt
- 1.00pm BBC News
- 1.15pm The Truth About Getting Fit
- 2.15pm Wonders of the Moon
- 3.15pm Escape to the Country
- 3.45pm Songs of Praise
- 4.20pm The Proposal

EVENING
- 6.05pm BBC News
- 6.20pm Regional News and Weather
- 6.30pm Countryfile Winter Special
- 7.30pm Still Open All Hours
- 8.00pm Call the Midwife
- 9.00pm McMafia
- 10.00pm BBC News
- 10.30pm Regional News and Weather
- 10.30pm Match of the Day 2
- 11.15pm Super Bowl LII
- 3.50am Weather for the Week Ahead
- 3.55am BBC News
- 6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

MORNING
- 7.05am Gardeners' World
- 7.35am Countryfile
- 8.30am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
- 10.00am Tennis: Davis Cup Spain v GB

AFTERNOON
- 1.00pm Money for Nothing
- 1.30pm Talking Pictures
- 2.10pm Jane Eyre
- 3.45pm The Crane Gang
- 4.45pm Elise Christie: In From the Cold
- 5.15pm Ski Sunday

EVENING
- 6.00pm Six Nations Rugby Special
- 7.00pm New York: America's Busiest City
- 8.00pm Yellowstone
- 9.00pm Dragons' Den
- 10.00pm The Mash Report
- 10.30pm Insert Name Here
- 11.00pm Cleverman
- 11.55pm Women's Six Nations Highlights
- 12.25am Yves Saint Laurent
- 2.00am Question Time
- 3.00am Holby City
- 4.00am This is BBC Two
- 6.00am My Life in Books

ITV

MORNING
- 9.05am Wishlist
- 9.35am ITV News
- 9.30am Rivers' Monsters
- 10.00am Peston on Sunday
- 11.00am The Martin Lewis Money Show
- 11.30am The Voice UK

AFTERNOON
- 1.00pm ITV Lunchtime News
- 1.10pm Britain's Toughest Family
- 1.40pm The Cruise
- 2.15pm 6 Nations Live: Italy v England
- 5.30pm ITV News London
- 5.40pm ITV News

EVENING
- 6.00pm Dancing on Ice
- 8.00pm Endeavour
- 10.00pm ITV News
- 10.15pm Peston on Sunday
- 11.15pm Next of Kin
- 12.15am Great Art
- 1.05am Jackpot247
- 3.00am Take on the Twisters
- 3.50am ITV Nightscreen
- 5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
- 6.00am Good Morning Britain

Channel 4

MORNING
- 7.05am Everybody Loves Raymond
- 8.00am Frasier
- 9.30am Sunday Brunch

AFTERNOON
- 12.00pm James and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
- 1.35pm The Simpsons
- 2.05pm The Simpsons
- 2.35pm Never Born Kissed
- 4.40pm Shark Tale

EVENING
- 6.30pm Channel 4 News
- 7.00pm Posh Pawn
- 8.00pm The Biggest Little Railway in the World
- 9.00pm SAS: Who Dares Wins
- 10.00pm Maltese
- 11.15pm Elizabeth
- 1.25am The World's Most Expensive Food
- 2.20am The Supervet
- 3.15am Four Rooms with Sarah Beeny
- 4.10am 8OTV Boxing Weekly
- 4.40am Location, Location, Location
- 5.35am Draw It!

Channel 5

MORNING
- 9.00am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
- 9.15am Shimmer and Shine
- 9.35am Digby Dragon
- 9.50am Peppa Pig
- 10.00am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 10.35am Football on 5

AFTERNOON
- 12.00pm Police Interceptors
- 12.55pm Police Interceptors
- 1.55pm Johnny English Reborn
- 4.00pm The Last Airbender
- 5.00pm 5 News
- 5.05pm The Last Airbender

EVENING
- 6.00pm Bulletproof Monk
- 8.00pm Batman Begins
- 9.00pm 5 News
- 9.05pm Batman Begins
- 10.50pm The Punisher
- 1.05am The X Files
- 1.55am The X Files
- 2.40am Super Casino
- 4.00am Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink
- 4.45am House Doctor
- 5.10am The Great Artists
- 5.35am Housebusters
- 6.00am Pullin Rock
- 6.10am Peppy Cat

Monday February 5th

BBC 1

TOP TV

MORNING
- 9.10am Countryfile Winter Diaries
- 10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
- 11.00am Wanted Down Under
- 11.40am A1: Britain's Longest Road

AFTERNOON
- 12.15pm Bargain Hunt
- 1.00pm BBC News at One
- 1.30pm Regional News and Weather
- 1.45pm Doctors
- 2.15pm Moving On
- 3.00pm Escape to the Country
- 3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
- 4.20pm Antiques Road Trip
- 5.15pm Pointless

EVENING
- 6.00pm BBC News at Six
- 6.30pm Regional News and Weather
- 7.00pm The One Show
- 7.30pm Inside Out
- 8.00pm EastEnders
- 8.00pm Panorama
- 9.00pm Silent Witness
- 10.00pm BBC News at Ten
- 10.30pm Regional News and Weather
- 10.45pm Have I Got Old News for You
- 11.15pm The Graham Norton Show
- 12.00am Weather for the Week Ahead
- 12.10am BBC News
- 6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

MORNING
- 7.15am Food: Truth or Scare
- 8.00am Antiques Roadshow
- 9.00am Victoria: Derbyshire
- 11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

AFTERNOON
- 12.00pm The Daily Politics
- 1.00pm Women's Six Nations Highlights
- 1.30pm Coast
- 2.00pm Monty Hall's Great Escape
- 3.00pm A Place to Call Home
- 3.00pm The Wild Life
- 4.20pm The Hunt
- 5.20pm Fling It!

EVENING
- 6.00pm Eggheads
- 6.00pm Great American Railroad Journeys
- 7.00pm Big Dreams Small Spaces
- 8.00pm Only Connect
- 8.30pm University Challenge
- 9.00pm Horizon
- 10.00pm Two Doors Down
- 10.30pm Newsnight
- 11.15pm NFL
- 12.05am Odyssey
- 12.40am Countryfile
- 1.40am Big Cats
- 2.40am This is BBC Two

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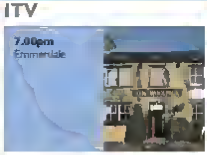

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AFTERNOON
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- 2.00pm Judge Rinder
- 3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
- 4.00pm Tipping Point
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- 8.00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show
- 8.00pm Coronation Street
- 9.00pm Next of Kin
- 10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
- 12.00pm ITV News London
- 10.45pm Death Row 2018 with Trevor McDonald
- 11.45pm Killer Women with Piers Morgan
- 12.35am Jackpot247
- 3.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

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- 7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
- 7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
- 8.20am Frasier
- 10.00am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
- 11.00am Undercover Boss USA

AFTERNOON
- 12.00pm Channel 4 News
- 12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
- 1.05pm Posh Pawn
- 2.10pm Countdown
- 3.00pm Village of the Year with Penelope Keith
- 4.00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
- 5.00pm Four in a Bed
- 5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

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- 6.00pm The Simpsons
- 6.30pm Hollyoaks
- 7.00pm Channel 4 News
- 8.00pm How to Lose Weight Well
- 9.00pm The Ruger Killers: Was Justice Done?
- 10.00pm First Dates Hotel
- 11.05pm Derry Girls
- 11.40pm Hunted
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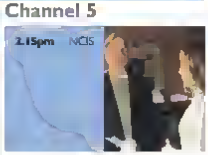

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- 8.35am Shimmer and Shine
- 8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
- 9.05am Molly
- 9.15am The Wright Stuff
- 11.15am Gifts: Behind Closed Doors

AFTERNOON
- 12.10pm 5 News: Lunchtime
- 12.15pm Cowboy Builders
- 1.15pm Home and Away
- 1.45pm Neighbours
- 2.15pm NCIS
- 3.15pm Killer Assistant
- 5.00pm 5 News at 5
- 5.30pm Neighbours

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- 6.00pm Home and Away
- 6.30pm 5 News Tonight
- 7.00pm Rugby on 5: Anglo-Welsh Cup Highlights
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Oxford sellers accepting larger discounts to sell their homes

Bill Cooper co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Martin and Co, Oxford

Hometrack has recently published an analysis of Zoopla data and found that the gap between the asking price of Oxford homes and the achieved sale price has increased meaning that increasingly buyers hold more of the negotiating power

According to Hometrack's analysis in 2013 the average Oxford home was discounted around 1 8% in 2013 to achieve a sale whereas that increased to around 3 8% in 2017 Hometrack identifies London Oxford and Cambridge as experiencing comparable trends however in London buyers are buying properties with a 10% discount on asking price as opposed to aronnd 3.8% discount in Oxford and aronnd 1% in Cambndge

The average house price growth in the 20 biggest cities was 5 4% an average pulled down by a mere 1 9% increase in London dunng 2017 We know from previous house price cycles that it is typical for London to surge ahead of the market dunng the early stages of the cycle only to stagnate later when regional property typically surge albeit from a much lower base price

So that s all pretty depressing then, right? Well it is important for home sellers to understand the market trends and where we are in terms of the property cycle But it is also important to take data from multiple sources to get a true picture. For example, Dat aloft captures and analyses data direct from the land registry – the best source of information on properties that have sold successfully Their analysis shows that Oxfordwide, sold houses completed at an average price that was 6% up on the previous 12 months That 6% increase includes the increased discount identified by Hometrack Dataloft also confirms Oxford homes have increased in valne by 39% over the last 5 years at a time when savings have typically yielded below 3% over the same period

So how come discounts on asking price are higher despite property being up 6% in overall value? Surely these data are at odds with each other? Wall not necessarily Over the last 12 months the number of completed house sales has fallen by 11% - so fewer homes are selling Normally that would result in falling prices not the 6% increase we have seen. If demand for Oxford homes is still strong why are sellers agreeing to higher discounts on the advertised asking price? It reflects a market-wide trend for over-pricing when listing an Oxford property for sale Too often estate agents are to blame setting unrealistic expectations in order to win a new instruction Their strategy is to list too high and to persuade the seller to reduce the price progressively over time

Since 1 January, we are seeing a rash of properties being slashed in price fuelling negative headlines and the fear that prices are struggling In reality we are seeing agents who have listed properties too high desperately persuading their clients to readjust price to nearer the true market value They know that if a property currently listed for sale fails to find a buyer before March it will be swamped by the annual peak of new listings which has been seen in March over the past 3 years.

To sell a property quickly in Oxford it must be priced correctly, presented professionally and sold by a committed agent who will nurse it through to completion. The best agents in Oxford sell over 65% of the properties they list. The current average is reported to be below 50% And online agents are reported to routinely achieve well below 50% If you have any doubts about your own property please give me a call and I d be delighted to have a chat and to review its current marketing

It's time to get EPC savvy

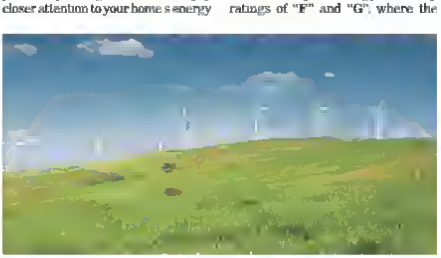
Whether you're a homeowner, landlord or a tenant you ll have almost certainly heard of Energy Performance Certificates, or EPCs. Much like the stickers you ll find on domestic white goods and car tyres an EPC provides an indication of the current and potential energy efficiency of a property

In an era when people are increasingly aware of not only the eco savings but also the financial savings that can be made by being energy efficient, this can't be a bad thing.

Indeed, if you're a landlord, you'll already be aware of new standards coming in to force this April which stipulates that any rental property must achieve a minimum energy efficiency "E" rating. Not adhering to this may result in financial penalties for landlords.

And whilst, for the moment, the minimum energy efficiency standards coming in to effect in April 2018 will only affect landlords, if you're simply a homeowner living in the property you own, you might also want to pay closer attention to your home s energy efficiency

That's because the Committee on Climate Change recently called for moves to be made to ban the sale of homes with poor energy efficiency ratings of "F" and "G", where the homeowner has failed to make improvements Whether that comes to fruition, and in what timeframe, remains to be seen. Whilst it is not yet an issue for homeowners in the same way that it is for landlords, the benefits of a more energy efficient home should, nonetheless, be viewed positively



And the good news is that small changes can have a big impact.

Insulation is key Given up to 40% of heat can escape through the roof, it's definitely worth looking in to increased insulation to walls and loft areas where possible will make a significant difference, as will replacing your central heating boiler the installation of solar panels or window and door replacement with double or triple glazed alternatives.

However it's likely you ll only take these steps if you re facing a necessary replacement due to age, or you're wholly committed to ultimate energy efficiency Thankfully further improvements can be made with less severe financial outlays. For example, replacing your light bulbs with more energy efficient ones and turning appliances off rather than leaving in 'standby' are simple steps that over time can have a real impact.

So, if you're keen to reduce the carbon footprint of your property and wish to understand the impact that this could have on its overall attractiveness in the sales market, then visit your local Andrews branch – there are five across Oxfordshire – or visit www.andrewsonline.co.uk, and ensure you're ahead of the game if minimum energy efficiency standards for property sales are introduced in the future

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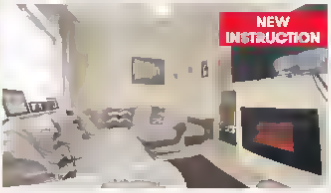

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Peugeot 108 GT Line 1.2, five-door (82bhp)

Breath of fresh air from funky city car

By **Tony Yates**

THIS week's road test puts me in the driving seat of the Peugeot 108 GT Line. First off, I'm not really a big fan of the small eco car but then again I did own an eco-warrior a few years back which was a little 'ordinary'. Although I have to say the 108 GT Line from Peugeot looks far from ordinary. In fact, it looks pretty smart.

With that in mind, let's waste no more time and get on with the review. Firstly, you will notice that it's chic, small, and actually not that bad looking. Plus, on the inside, it's funky and well set out with minimal fuss. Actually thinking about it, I like both the outside and the inside. But of course, I would never say that out loud. Oh!

So, did Peugeot get it right? Well, let's see what's occurring with this funky little 5 door.

Power & efficiency

My test car was fitted with a 3-cyl 1.2 petrol engine, which actually helped the little 108 dash about like a scalded Cat, meaning it's pretty nippy for city driving or doing the kid's school run. If you are interested, then you can expect a 0-62 time of 10.9sec and a decent top speed of around 106mph. Fuel consumption is also an important part of buying a small car, and I'm happy to report that the little 108 achieved a combined consumption of 60mpg. Plus, it has the addition of 116Nm of torque, which is more than enough to keep you progressing at a steady pace.

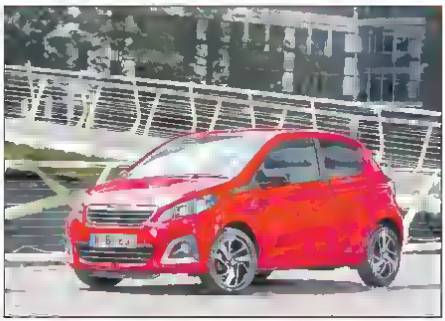
What is exciting though, is how that little 3 cylinder sounds. Ok, it's not Ferrari sounding, but it does sound kind of racy. Then reality slips in and you remember the 108 it's not about performance, it's about saving you money and the planet.

On the road

The 108 is a very playful city car that is safe, but also practical in 5 door format. Of course, I wanted to find out more, so I went for a brisk drive into some of the more challenging corners. Well, I'm happy to report that the 108 did a pretty good job of keeping it all together. Actually, even when the pace picked up, I still found the steering to be direct and well balanced. Also being small, I expected the 108 to be a little 'bouncy', but thankfully the suspension does a great job of keeping you comfortable on many different road surfaces.

Equipment, safety & technology

The 108 offers a first-rate experience that is achieved through a combination of interior quality, attention to detail and a wide range of equipment such as DAB Radio, automatic headlights, and LED daytime running lights. Plus as you move up the model range, the list gets better. For instance, my test car was the 'GT Line' so you get additional treatments such as, 15" S Line alloy wheels, gloss black door mirrors, black rear spoiler, tinted rear windows, rear exhaust finisher, black leather seating, 7" multifunction colour touch screen, gloss black interior ambiance with red detailing and automatic air conditioning.



To sum up

I actually like the Peugeot 108 because it gives you all the things you need from a small city car. To be honest, it really is a breath of fresh air from Peugeot. So, if you are looking for a city car with 5 doors, then you are almost certainly looking in the right place.

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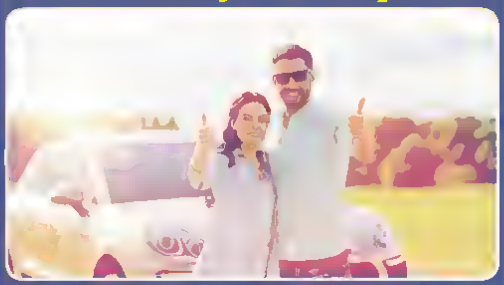

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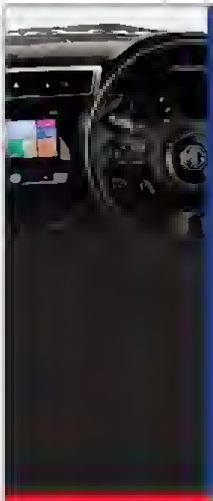

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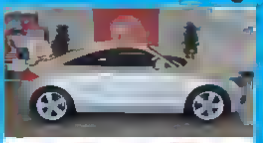

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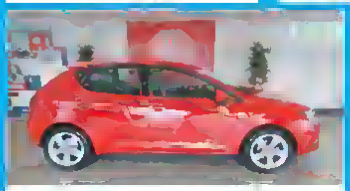

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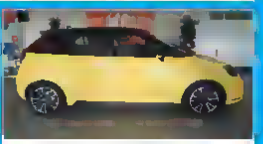

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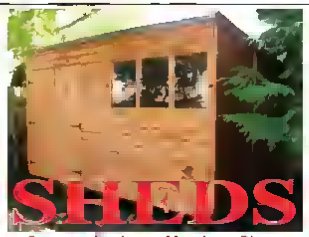

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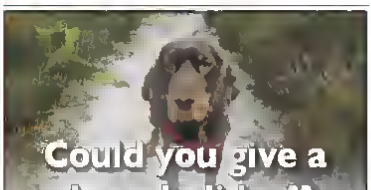

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F1 warm up for Sainz in rally

By George Welch

Motorsport

CARLOS Sainz warmed up for the start of this year's Formula One season in style by making his World Rally Championship debut in the final stage of the 2018 Rallye Monte-Carlo

The 23-year-old Renault driver followed in the wheel tracks of his double World Champion dad, also called Carlos Sainz, when he got behind the wheel of a New Renault Mégane R.S to tackle the last stage of the iconic rally on Sunday

Sainz acted as the VIP course car to take on the 13.58km SS17 La Cabanette-Col de Braus stage that ran through the Alpes-Maritimes surrounding the Principality of Monaco.

The stage, which was the close of the 2018 WRC season opening rally, started at 1,400m above sea level and descended through a series of tight hairpin bends before climbing again over a high mountain pass and ending at the Col de Braus

The new Renault Megane R.S was equipped with studded, snow tyres that helped Carlos negotiate the icy, slippery conditions

Sainz said: "That was very special. I have dreamt about doing this a lot of times in my life and now thanks to Renault it has come true.

"I have always wanted to do a rally with a co-driver, pace notes and a good pace and I loved it. The car was really good."

The Spaniard added: "My dad just told me to take it carefully but I had a lot of fun."

His dad said he was 'very happy' that Sainz got to experience a taste of 'such a legendary rally'

Renault, whose Formula One base is in Enstone won the 1925, 1935, 1952 and 1981 editions of the rally

Sainz will be back in more familiar surroundings when the lights go out for Formula One opener in Melbourne on March 26.

Carlos Sainz in action in the Rallye Monte-Carlo
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Chinnor defeat dents hopes of catching leaders

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HENLEY Hawks edged a narrow encounter with Old Redcliffians 22-20 on Saturday scoring a penalty try two minutes from the end.

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Tries from Jake Albon, Tommy Haynes and Alan Aweock helped ensure Henley claim sixth spot in the league on 56 points

Elsewhere, Chinnor were dealt a blow in their title chase surrendering 26-14 at home to league leaders Cinderford to leave them four points adrift in second on 86 points.

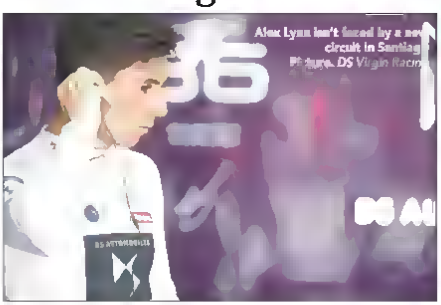
In the South West 1 East, Chippenham leapfrogged Banbury into second after the Oxfordshire side's match with Old Centrahans was called off.

Not far behind in fourth, Oxford Harlequins battled to a 28-13 win over visitors Stratford Upon Avon to remain one place above Witney who beat Salisbury 32-15 to add to their 52 points total.

Grove failed to make it back-to-back wins losing 27-22 to Chippenham, their fifth defeat in six.

Lowly Gosford All Blacks, without a win since November remain second bottom in the Southern Counties North after defeat at Wallingford 25-5

Formula E gets off to Chile start in South America



Formula E

ALEX Lynn is hoping to waste no time in getting to grips with the new track as Chile hosts its first Formula E race on Saturday

The Oxford based racer and DS Virgin Racing team-mate Sam Bird – the championship's only all-British pairing – are looking to build on their positive start to the season at Chile's first-ever international motor race.

Lynn, who has never been to the South American country said, "We had a frustrating race in Marrakesh [Lynn was involved in a crash early on] so we're keen to put that behind us and come out fighting again in Chile.

"I'm hoping we can get up to speed with the new track layout quickly and be in the mix from the off."

As well as a new track to contend with in round four for the first time in Formula E's history there will also be no minimum pit stop time, adding a new challenge to the racing strategy

Earlier this week Formula E digitally unveiled its all-new season five Formula E car, ahead of the full reveal in March.

The car will be able to last the entire race, negating the need for driver car changes, and will possess almost twice the power of the current racer

Lynn said. "I think the new car personifies everything that Formula E is about, futuristic, fast thinking and cutting edge in the world of motor racing. It's the perfect car to take Formula E to the next level."

Hoops seal narrowest of victories in tense tie

Basketball

A TENSE all Oxford clash in the Division Four South West on Sunday between the Stealers and City Hoops produced a tight encounter at Henley College

Oxford City Hoops ran out 73-72 victors but were trailing 18-13 at the end of the first quarter

The Hoops turned things around in the second quarter and Oxford Stealers were unable to force their way back into the tie

Despite a high scoring third quarter the Stealers 21 points scored were cancelled out by City Hoops 23 with both teams scoring eight in the final quarter The close scoreline matches the pair's league standings

The win lies Oxford City Hoops on 12 points with Thames Valley Cavaliers II and Reading Rockets II in sixth and seventh respectively

They sit one position above their neighbours in the Division Four table on 12 points with six wins from 13 games, while Stealers have three wins from 14 on six points

Stealers are back in action on Saturday when they take on RCT Gladiators at Oxford Brookes University

Thames Valley Cavaliers II play Oxford City Hoops at Didcot Girls School the following day

Oxford Brookes University's Saturday game with Swindon Shock in Division Three South was postponed.

It means the University side are yet to play this year following the abandonment of their game with Greenwich Titans the previous week.

Wheatley's Jack Taylor tries to get his team back in the game at Didcot Picture Simon Chadbone

to the Berks Bucks & Oxon Premier Didcot beat third placed Wheatley 26-0 while Littlemore's clash with Hungerford was postponed.

Hoping for better in Malaysia after missed cut

Golf

SUCCESSIVE rounds of one-under par were not enough for Eddie Pepperell to make the cut at the wasther affected Omega Dubai Desert Classic

The Abingdon golfer carded back-to-back scores of 71 for two under par in the United Arab Emirates, two shots away from making the cut.

Teeing off on the 10th tee day one started positively with birdies going in on the 12th and 18th.

Bogeys followed on the second and fourth but a birdie on the par four fifth put the Frilford Heath member back in the red numbers

Pepperell's second round was delayed due to fog and, when he got out on the course he recorded pars on his first seven holes before darkness arrived.

The 27-year-old picked up a bogey on the ninth meaning he required a major turnaround on the back nine to make the cut from level par

A birdie on the next hole preceded a double bogey on the 11th, all but ending Pepperell's prospects of a longer weekend.

Three birdies followed on the 13th, 17th and 18th holes but Pepperell, who started the 2018 European Tour with two missed cuts, left it too late.

It meant Pepperell finished just inside the top 100 in a 99th place

Haotong Li topped the leaderboard with a score of 23-under par one shot ahead of Rory McIlroy

Pepperell tees off from the 10th tee of the Maybank Championship in Malaysia at 5.20am GMT time (1.20pm local time) today

Bright Stars eclipse all rivals

By George Welch

Ice Hockey

IT has been a difficult season for Chelmsford Chieftains. The Essex side were a force to be reckoned with in NIHL South Division 1 last year, winning the title for the second year in a row.

Dropping down to Division 2 this season it seemed they would dominate the lower league — but it has been a different story since last summer's league restructuring.

This was exemplified by Sunday's 11-4 defeat to Oxford City Stars at Oxpens Road.

The table-topping Stars are the new chiefs in this division and they ran riot for the third successive game, strutting to a sizeable 6-0 lead at the end of the first period.

Joshua Florey (6 minutes), a Kamil Kinkor brace (10 & 19), Dominic Hopkins (13), Joshua Oliver (13) and Theo Bundock (14) all scored as Oxford tore their pushover visitors to pieces.

There was a mini fight back from the Chieftains in the middle session with James Ayling (24) and Grant Bartlett (29) reducing arrears to just the four goals.

Unsurprisingly though Oxford had nothing to fear as Michael Whillock (35) and Florey (37) restored their six-goal cushion, making it 8-2 after 40 minutes.

Anthony Leone (42) pulled another back for Chelmsford but Florey hit back two minutes later to complete his hat trick.

Whillock made it a treble for himself too with 46th and 52nd minute strikes as the Stars struck double figures for the seventh time this season.

There was still time for Ayling to add Chieftains fourth but, like so many other times this campaign, this was all too easy for Kenny Redmond's side.

The Stars have the weekend off and return to action with another home fixture, this time against ninth-placed Cardiff Fire who have lost their last three matches.

The weekend off gives closest rivals Solent Devils and Bracknell Hornets a chance to close the gap at the top of the South 2 table.

The Devils on an 11-match winning streak, host Guildford while the Hornets on a seven-match winning run themselves, travel to bottom half side Invicta.

OUCH! Conor Redmond was given a bloody nose but it was all worth it as the Stars picked up their 16th win in 19 games. Picture *Stu Widdows*

Legend Green's 16 shirt retired

OXFORD City Stars have retired the No 16 jersey in honour of club legend and fans' favourite Alan Green.

The shirt was retired ahead of the win over Chelmsford on Saturday and is now homed permanently on display at Oxpens Ice Rink.

No other player will wear the number again as a mark of respect for Green's contribution to the club.

Former Stars players Dan Prachar and Darryl Morvan, who also donned the No 16 shirt, joined Green, who retired at the end of last season.

The former forward played more than 200 games in a career on the ice that spanned 27 years.

He also played at Slough, Swindon and Chelmsford. But it was at his home club Oxford where he really made his mark, winning the NIHL Division Two Championship in 2013 and the League and Cup double the following season.

Green, who still lives in Oxford, said: "Having your shirt retired is a great honour especially at Oxpens which means so much to me. I loved playing for Oxford and have so many wonderful memories.

"I've been back a few times this season to support the boys.

"I'm very appreciative of all of the coaches and players I worked with at the Stars over the years and for the board for doing this for me and Dan and Darryl."

Oxfordshire football results

Vanarama National League South
Saturday 27 January
Oxford City 1 1 Bath City

Evo-Stik South Premier
Saturday 27 January
Hereford 3-0 **Banbury United**

Evo-Stik South East
Saturday 27 January
Thame United 2-0 Aylesbury

Tuesday 30 January
Thame United 0-3 Hartley Wintney

Evo-Stik South West
Saturday 27 January
AFC Totton 1-3 **Kidlington**
Bideford P-P **North Leigh**
Taunton Town 3-1 **Didcot Town**

Tuesday 30 January
North Leigh 0-3 Swindon Supermarine
Wednesday 31 January
Kidlington v Winchester City
(match after going to press)

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Saturday 27 January
Binfield 3 2 **Abingdon United**
Wantage Town 2-0 Highmoor Ibis

Didcot's promotion hopes dented in West country

Evo Stik round-up

DIDCOT Town's automatic promotion ambitions were handed a blow after succumbing to a 3-1 away defeat at Evo-Stik South West table toppers Taunton on Saturday.

A rough pitch made play difficult for both sides but clinical finishing edged the contest in the Somerset team's favour.

The Railwaymen were made to rue their missed opportunities when Pierce Mitchell was allowed time and space to fire past Leigh Bedwell on the half hour mark.

The tide swung even further in the home side's favour when Ollie Chamberlain slotted home 10 minutes later to double the host's advantage.

Taunton striker Dan Sullivan ensured the scoreline read 3-0 at the break after capitalising on Adam Learoyd's poor pass out.

Didcot can take heart from a late rally that saw George Reid latch onto a cross from the returning Marloe Agyakwa to hook home with eight minutes remaining.

Despite the defeat ending Diddy's run of four straight wins and six clean sheets during an unbeaten stretch of eight games the south Oxfordshire club remain in the play-offs.

Elsewhere, Kidlington defeated AFC Totton 3-1 with the help of two goals from Duran Martin, while North Leigh lost 3-0 at home to Swindon Supermarine on Tuesday.

Goals from debutant Callum Parsons, Joe Shepherd and George Kellow were enough to see Supermarine ease to victory.

On Saturday, Didcot host the Swindon side. North Leigh travel to Shortwood United and Kidlington entertain Cinderford Town.

Debut to forget for midfielder as Thame rack up victory

Thame United

IT was derby day delight for Thame United who enjoyed a 2-0 win over rivals Aylesbury on Saturday.

Teeman Thame proved too good for Aylesbury as the free scoring yet heavily inconsistent side bounced back from defeat to Hayes & Yeading United and successive postponed fixtures.

But United did it the hard way as midfielder Liam Tack was adjudged to have stamped on Moles defender Jordan Jenkins.

It was quite a debut for Tack, who survived just 14 minutes in his maiden game for his new club.

Lynton Goss had a header cleared off the line on 34 minutes but had more luck when he played a major part in Thame's opener three minutes before half time.

The striker whose brother Aston moved from Aylesbury to join him at Thame earlier this month got the better of the visiting defence and produced a deft cross that was slotted home by the unmarked and dangerous Dan West.

The points were wrapped up in the final stages in some style as Lynton Goss fired a 25-yard effort into the roof of the net on 83 minutes.

However the south Oxfordshire side remain nine points off the play-offs after losing 3-0 at home to Hartley Wintney on Tuesday.

Thame are in 10th position in the Evo-Stik South East division on 39 points from 25 games and have two games in hand on the three teams above them.

They will look to bounce back on Saturday when they travel to second-placed Beaconsfield Town.

Lynton Goss added Thame United's second against Aylesbury with his 15th goal of the season. Picture *Marc Keinch*

Tough first 30 minutes too much for Utd

Hellenic round-up

ABINGDON United returned from Berkshire on the receiving end of a 3-2 defeat in the Hellenic Premier on Saturday despite a valiant second half effort.

The Vale side came close to overturning Binfield's three goal lead but the in-form home side proved too tough to break down.

The play-off hopefuls shot into the lead with three goals inside the first 30 minutes.

Thomas Butler pulled one back on 37 minutes and sparked hopes of a comeback when he bagged his second with 15 minutes left on the clock.

A straight red card for Joe Grilt three minutes later rattled the Berkshire side but they held on to leave Abingdon frustrated at their sloppy start and lingering in 14th in the table on 29 points.

Elsewhere, high flyers Wantage Town ran out victorious at home to Highmoor Ibis to stay ahead of the chasing pack.

The re-signing of attacking midfielder Harvey Scholes seemed to inspire the team to a 2-0 win at Alfredian Park.

Goals from Stephen Robertson and Ryan Markham either side of the break ensured all three points and third position in the Hellenic Premier Division.

Abingdon next welcome Lydney Town to Northcourt while Wantage travel to bottom club Burnham on Saturday.

Oxford City Nomads will also return to action against Ascot United.

One step forward and two back

By George Welch

Oxford City

A SECOND half Matt Paterson penalty rescued a point for Oxford City who came from behind for a third consecutive 1-1 draw against Bath City at Court Place Farm.

Saturday's performance was an improvement on the last three games, which all ended in defeat and edged City back towards the relegation zone.

Boss Mark Jones made one change from the 4-1 loss at East Thurrock United the previous week but he would have been thinking here we go again when the visitors took the lead on the stroke of half time.

Winger Ross Stearn thrashed home a Nat Jarvis cross two minutes into first half stoppage time to score at a decisive moment.

But the wind wasn't knocked out of City's sails and they came out fighting in the second period.

Paterson uncharacteristically blazed over a glorious chance from inside the box but the frontman had the opportunity to make amends shortly afterwards.

The impressive Rob Sinclair was felled in the box and Paterson stepped up to coolly send the keeper the wrong way on 75 minutes for his 19th goal of the season in all competitions.

Zak McEachran went close in the dying stages but neither side could find a winner.

A draw failed to alleviate the pressure of relegation as the chasing pack moved to within five points of the Hoops.

"We have just got to keep going [because] it's hard to predict," Jones said. "There are times this year you think 'we're getting somewhere' and then you watch us play the next week and it looks like we've taken two steps back.

"You're standing there on the sideline and you think of ways to change things but, I've got to be honest sometimes it's not particularly enjoyable.

"It [matchday] should be the most enjoyable day of the week. You do all your planning and when things don't go for you, you think crikey this is hard work.

"But sometimes it's like that and it isn't easy – if it was then anybody could do it."

Picture: Michael Allen

Zac McEachran went close in the final minutes but couldn't grab the winner

City travel to Concord Rangers (15th) on Saturday. Rangers sit two points above the Hoops in the National League South.

Ladies notch up first win since opener

OUFCW

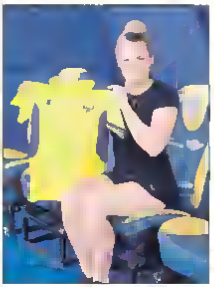
A RESURGENT Oxford United Ladies halted a dismal six-match losing run with a 3-1 home win over Aston Villa Ladies.

The U's came from behind to claim their first WSL2 points since the draw against Brighton & Hove Albion at the end of October. It is also their first home win since their opening day victory over Sheffield.

But things could have started better for Andy Cook's side after finding themselves behind to a sixth minute Ebony Salmon goal.

United were back on level terms 10 minutes before the break as Taome Oliver flicked a backwards header into the net from a floated Dan Carlton free kick.

The home side picked up after their equaliser and, just after half time, took the lead in impressive style.



Kayleigh Hines scored a free kick

Kayleigh Hines did what she'd done twice already this season by curling a perfect 48th minute free kick into the top corner.

Oxford were in the mood and it only took them two minutes to grab a third, Carlton pouncing on a defensive mistake to rocket the ball into the bottom corner.

The Yellows remained composed as Villa looked for a response.

Ellis Hillman had to be alert to miraculously clear a shot off the line with her head and Demi Lansbourne produced a number of fine saves to ensure her side kept the 3-1 lead.

Next up for Oxford is an FA Cup away fixture at Cardiff City on Sunday.

'We need to play more like Hereford' admits Ford

Banbury United

PURITANS boss Mike Ford admitted title favourites Hereford made his Banbury United side look second rate.

United lost 3-0 at the Phoenix club in their biggest away game of the season in front of nearly 3,000 fans.

It was far too comfortable for the Bulls who never looked back after taking a 12th minute lead through Jamie Bird to extend their irresistible unbeaten league run to 14 matches.

The league's joint top scorer and former Didcot Town striker John Mills netted his 22nd of the season from the spot to double the home side's advantage on 67 minutes.

Keyon Refell added the deserved third 10 minutes later with a superb half volley from the edge of the box.

The result never looked in much doubt following half time, and Ford admitted Hereford are leading by example.

Ford said: "They played like men maturely. They made life very difficult and kept their shape fantastically well. They made us look second rate.

"We did lots of things ont very well. I want to give them [Hereford] a bit of credit but if we want to aspire to be a side like Hereford are then we need to be something like what we played against.

"It's difficult to win any game never mind, in my eyes, against the top side if you don't have enough players playing well – and we didn't."

Picture: www.herefordfc.co.uk

U's in the spotlight with two TV games in a week

OUFC

TWO of Oxford United's SkyBet League One games will be shown live on Sky.

The first game to be televised will be United's trip to Portsmouth on Sunday March 25 with the game at Fratton Park set for a 4pm kick off.

The U's will then be on TV for a second time in a week when they welcome Scunthorpe United to Grenoble Road on Good Friday, March 30. That game will now kick off at 12.45pm.

United's game at Portsmouth will be the first time the Yellows will have been televised this season.

Meanwhile, Oxford, currently under the temporary stewardship of Derek Fazackerley, have had their match at league leaders Wigan Athletic rearranged.

The fixture was originally scheduled for January 27 but, due to the Latics' FA Cup run, will now kick off at 7.45pm on Tuesday April 17.

It means three of United's last four games of the season will be away, a run that also includes a trip to Doncaster Rovers and a visit to title-chasing Blackburn Rovers.

Keep an eye on the club's website for full ticket and travel details.

■ Bristol Rovers have sold out their 1,800 allocation of away tickets ahead of their visit to the Kassam in Oxford's next home game on February 10.

Baptiste joins the United ranks out on loan

OUFC

YOUNG midfielder Shandon Baptiste has returned to Hampton and Richmond Borough for another loan spell.

The 19 year old Grenada international joined the Beavers on an initial one-month loan at the end of December and the deal has now been extended to the end of March.

Baptiste, who made his U's debut against Stevenage in the Checkatrade Trophy in August, returned to the U's last week and was with the squad at Chelsea after his initial loan ended.

He has now re-joined the National League South side where he joins fellow United players Sam Long and Manny Agboola, who are also there on loan.

Malachi Napa also played for them earlier in the campaign.

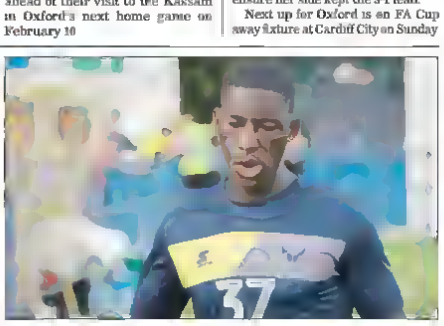
Agboola, Baptiste and Long all started in Hampton's 2-1 win at Chelmsford City on Saturday as they look to consolidate second spot and keep pace with leaders Dartford.

The latest dealings take the number of Oxford players out on a temporary basis to 10.

Kane Hemmings (Mansfield Town), James Roberts (Guiseley) and Fiacre Kelleher (Solihull Moors) were already out on loan.

Young goalkeeper Jack Stevens (Tamworth) and out of favour Charlie Raglan (Port Vale) also recently left the club on loan.

Meanwhile, Dejon Noel Williams (Abingdon United) and Graham Bryan (Banbury United) are on work experience.



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Man City youngster is looking forward to learning at Oxford

By George Welch

ENGLAND youth international Ashley Smith Brown admitted Oxford United's reputation for bringing through youngsters was enough to entice him to the Kassam Stadium.

The 21-year-old left back joined on loan this week from Premier League leaders Manchester City on a deal until the end of the season.

With veteran Brazilian Ricardinho the only other left footed left back at the club Smith Brown, who follows fellow City youngster Isaac Buckley Ricketts to the club this transfer window will provide a valuable option at full back.

The youngster wants to use his experience to develop in ways former U's stars Kemar Roofe, Callum O'Dowda and John Lundstram have.

He said: "I'm looking forward to it. Oxford has a good reputation for helping young players like me learn and develop so it is a fantastic opportunity.

"There are a lot of really good players here and I can't wait to train for the first time and hopefully be involved at Charlton on Saturday."

Capped at England level from the Under 16s through to the Under 20s, Smith Brown has been on the club's radar for a while.

The Manchester man was the fourth and latest to join the club this January transfer window ahead of Wednesday's 11pm deadline, after we went to press.

This week has also seen out of favour centre back Charlie Raglan join League Two side Port Vale on loan until the end of the season and Spanish midfielder Xemi leave the club.

Xemi joined United last summer from Barcelona and made eight starts and six sub appearances for the U's, scoring twice. But regular first team football has proven elusive and his contract was terminated on Tuesday.

The 22 year old said. "It hasn't worked out here and I'm sad to be leaving because it is a fantastic club.

"But at the same time I want to be playing football and that means a new adventure for me elsewhere, which is exciting."

Interim boss Derek Fazakerley admitted a lack of manager has made this transfer window more challenging than normal.

The club has been tight lipped over who is in the running to replace Pep Clotet, who was sacked last week.

Frank Lampard remains the bookies favourite but, like former U's boss Michael Appleton, has publically distanced himself from reports saying he was in talks about the vacant manager's job.

United are back in league action on Saturday away to seventh place Charlton Athletic.

In on loan – Ashley Smith-Brown
Picture: OUFC

Out on loan – Charlie Raglan
Picture: Steve Daniels

Contract terminated – Xemi
Picture: Steve Daniels

Names in the frame

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